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# NELSON MANDELA



Former South African president and Nobel Peace Prize winner Nelson Mandela in 2005.

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## Revolutionary dies at 95.

South African president mourns loss of anti-apartheid hero, his nation's 'greatest son'

As the news of Nelson Mandela's death spread across South Africa, residents of the black township of Soweto gathered in the streets near the house where he once lived, singing and dancing to mourn his death and celebrate his colossal life.

The people of South Africa reacted Friday with deep sadness at the loss of a man considered by many to be the father of the nation, while mourners said it was also a time to celebrate the achievements of the anti-apartheid leader who emerged from prison to become South Africa's first black president.

President Jacob Zuma, dressed in black, announced the news of Mandela's death Thursday night on television, saying the 95-year-old known affectionately by his clan name "Madiba" had died "peacefully" at around 8:50 p.m. while in the company of his family.

## Quoted

"There are few people who will leave a mark as indelible on this Earth as Mr. Mandela. His message of peace, forgiveness and acceptance is one we should all aspire to in whatever way we can, in tribute to his memory."

Premier Stephen McNeil

"He is now resting. He is now at peace," Zuma said. "Our nation has lost its greatest son. Our people have lost a father."

The president said all national flags would be lowered to half-mast from Friday until after a state funeral. Many South Africans, having missed the news after going to bed, would awaken to a country without its spiritual and moral leader.

"First sleep in a Mandela-less world," South African journalist Brendan Boyle tweeted. "We're on our own now."

In the black of night, several hundred people milled around outside Mandela's home in the leafy Houghton neighbourhood of Johannesburg. The mood was lively rather than sombre. Some sang and swayed. A man blew on a vuvuzela, the plastic horn widely used at World Cup

soccer games in South Africa in 2010. Another marched toward the house and shouted: "Nelson!" People photographed a makeshift shrine of candles, a national flag and bouquets of flowers. A framed portrait of a smiling Mandela was propped against a tree with the caption: "Rest in peace, Madiba."

Mandela had been receiving medical care in the home in past months, where he had been in critical condition.

Human rights advocate George Bizos told eNCA television that Mandela, a longtime friend, never wavered in his dedication to non-racial and democratic ideals.

"He was larger than life," Bizos said. "We will not find another like him."

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# Needed: Safety at crosswalks

**Scrutiny.** Education, engineering solutions needed to reduce collisions: Researcher



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The professor leading a review of thousands of collision reports across Nova Scotia says it confirms that reducing pedestrian-vehicle collisions is a shared responsibility.

"Both user types should be very cautious in making connections when they are crossing those crosswalks," said Dr. Ahsan Habib, director of the Dalhousie Transportation Laboratory.

Four pedestrians have been hit in marked crosswalks across HRM in the last four days, bringing the total number of such incidents to 33 for the year.

Habib and his research team combed through collision reports filed across the province

## Quoted

**"We really have to come up with ideas with all three E's — engineering, enforcement and education — if we really want to improve the safety environment."**

Dalhousie University assistant professor  
Dr. Ahsan Habib

between 2007 and 2011 to assess the contributing factors in motor vehicle collisions, fatal accidents and accidents involving bicycles and pedestrians.

They found that 52 per cent of all pedestrian collisions took place in marked crosswalks or at marked intersections, which should be treated as crosswalks.

Additionally, in 45 per cent of the collisions, the pedestrian played no role in the accident.

"So it's more the driver at fault; they're not looking," said Habib. "But pedestrians have some responsibility too. Ten per cent (of accidents) were improper crossing, four per cent is visibility, and seven per cent is darting in the roadways."

All four of the recent accidents in HRM happened in darkness and poor weather conditions, highlighting the need for physical solutions — like crosswalk lighting — that are appropriate for the local environment. "Visibility is a big, big issue," said Habib. "I know traffic engineers want to just go with this guideline that's followed countrywide, but it won't always be working because we have local conditions and local issues."

Bike and pedestrian collision make up about three per cent of all collisions province-wide every year, and Habib said the recent rash should be kept in perspective. "People's perceptions of this media coverage, they're less and less likely to be pedestrians and bicyclists. At the community level, it's reducing our confidence for a safer road space."



## To: Boston. From: Nova Scotia

Thousands gathered on the Boston Common to watch the annual Boston tree-lighting ceremony on Thursday evening. The tree is donated each year by the province to Boston in thanks for their help following the aftermath of the Halifax Explosion. NICOLAUS CZARNECK/METRO BOSTON

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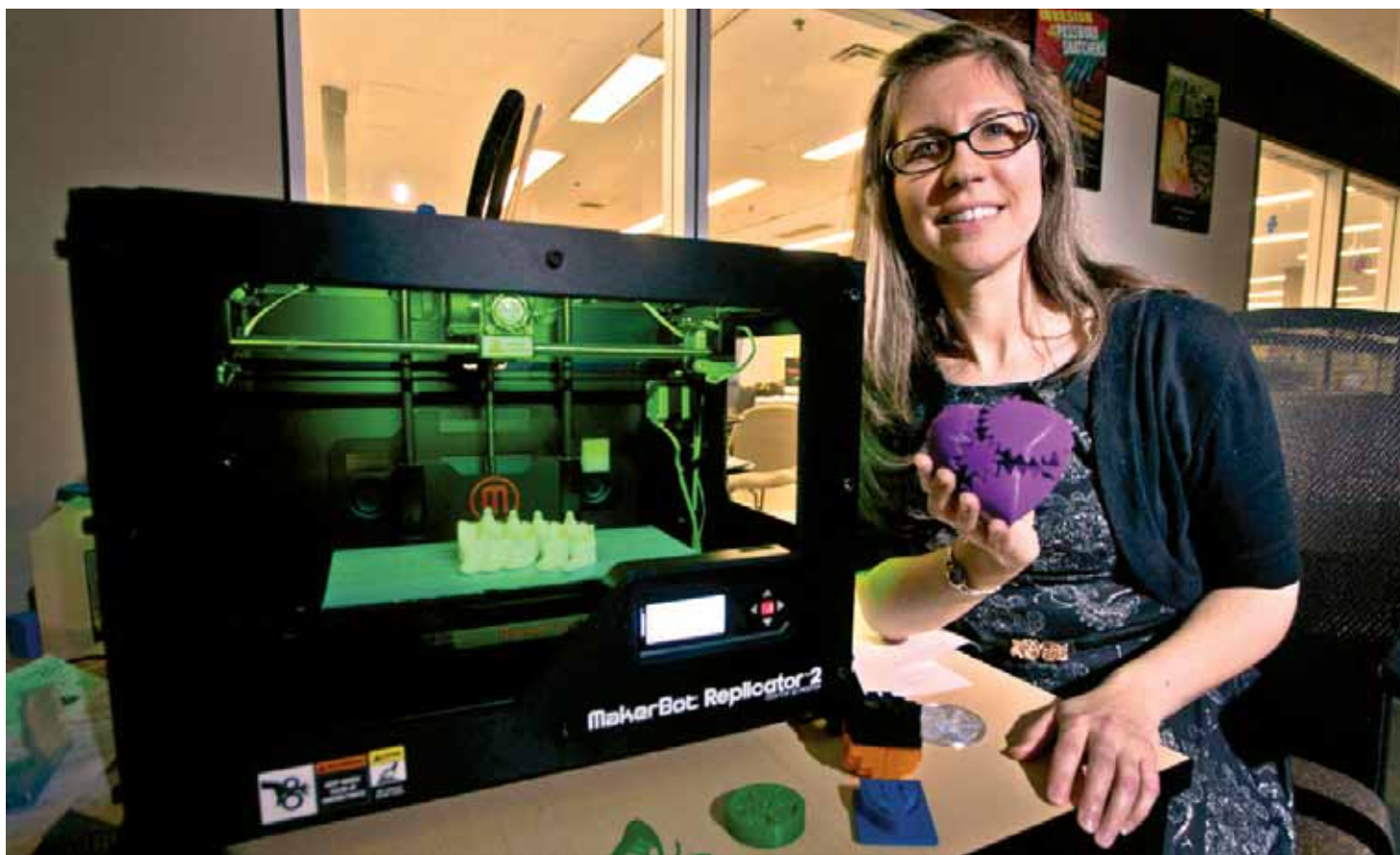
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Marlo MacKay, communications co-ordinator for the Dalhousie University Libraries, poses with the Killam Library's 3D printer on Thursday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

#### Name undecided

### February holiday coming in 2015

The new provincial Liberal government has tabled the legislation that will create Nova Scotia's long-awaited February holiday.

A release from the department of labour and advanced education states the legislation was introduced Thursday to create a statutory holiday on the third Monday in February.

"A mid-winter holiday is something many Nova Scotians want, and now we're able to make it happen," states Minister Kelly Regan in the release.

Six other Canadian provinces have adopted February holidays in recent years. It will be Nova Scotia's sixth statutory holiday.

The holiday will be implemented in 2015. Young Nova Scotians will be asked to help decide on a name. **METRO**



Minister Kelly Regan **METRO**

#### Justice system

### N.S. to set process for justice of the peace wages

The Nova Scotia government is moving forward with an independent process to set salaries for justices of the peace.

The legislative changes introduced Thursday follow a ruling in February by the province's Supreme Court.

Justice Minister Lena Diab says new amendments would establish a tribunal structure for determining pay.

Justices of the peace perform a variety of tasks, including issuing subpoenas and emergency protection orders.

As it stands, the province calculates the salaries for justices of the peace based on the salaries of provincial court judges, set by an independent commission. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

# Think outside the ink

## 3D printing.

Dalhousie University's pair of machines open to students and public



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Forget the paper: a machine at Dalhousie University can print toy trucks with movable wheels, iPhone cases, bracelets and puzzles.

About a year and a half ago, Dalhousie Libraries bought two MakerBot Replicator 3D printers for \$2,000. The devices can shape plastic into any kind of object you can imagine.

"The point of them is more to educate people and start giving people a taste of this," said Marlo MacKay, a Dalhousie Libraries spokesperson. "Inspire people with, 'What can you think of to make?' and 'How could you use this in your everyday life or studies?'"

MacKay said 3D printing has been around since the 1980s, but "hobby-grade" machines like those in the Killam and Sexton libraries have

#### The future is now

"I've never heard of it, but I feel like technology always amazes me."

Dalhousie student Francesca Handy on 3D printing

made the technology more accessible in the last few years.

MacKay said it's hard to explain how the printer works unless you see it. He describes it as a "glue gun," in which plastic goes through a tube into a printer head that heats the plastic until it melts, then prints it out in thin layers and keeps "building and building."

The biodegradable plastic isn't expensive either, allowing the school to charge \$1 per hour of printing — and it's open to the public.

Since June 2012, the 3D printers have done about 300 jobs and served about 150 different people, MacKay said. Most jobs averaged two hours, while the longest ran for 22 hours.

Master's student Srirag Sadanandan said the printer is "really cool" but would like to have more seminars on how to use it because not many people know it exists.

While students in any faculty could use the printer —

drama students could make model sets, chemists could make test-tube holders — MacKay said citizens across the province might soon get a hands-on experience as regional libraries have begun buying their own.

"It's starting to spread, but it started here and we're very proud of that."

#### How-to

### Print your own creation

- To create your own 3D model, you first pick a design.
- According to the Dalhousie Libraries website, you should have a 3D file in STL (stereolithographic) format for what you want the object to look like.
- You can make your own or choose from



A few samples from the printer. JEFF HARPER/METRO

thousands on thingiverse.com where people have uploaded their own designs for public use. You can find things like Christmas ornaments, tablet stands or even landscapes.

- Dalhousie's maximum object size for a model is 225 x 145 x 150 millimetres, or 8.9 x 5.7 x 5.9 inches.
- You then submit a printing request form through [libraries.dal.ca](http://libraries.dal.ca) and receive a ticket number.

- Within three or four business days, you should be notified that your model is ready for pickup and told how much it costs.

- Then, go to the library circulation desk to pay and collect your model.

- You can also check out a public demonstration of the Halifax Regional Library's 3D printer on Saturday from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Woodlawn Public Library. **METRO**



# Another delay in case of teens facing child pornography charges

**Rehtaeh Parsons.**  
Suspects due back in court next month

The case of two teenagers facing child pornography charges after the death of Rehtaeh Parsons has been adjourned until

the new year.

Both teens are charged with distributing child pornography, while one of the teens also faces a charge of making child pornography.

They cannot be named because they were under the age of 18 at the time of the alleged offences and both are charged

## Not the first time

- This is the second time the case has been put over in as many months, with the last time happening on Nov. 14.

under the Youth Criminal Justice Act. Parsons was taken off life-support following a suicide attempt last April that her family says was prompted by relentless bullying.

They say the 17-year-old girl was tormented after a digital photograph of her allegedly being sexually assaulted in November 2011 was spread around her school.

The case was scheduled to resume on Thursday but is now due back in Halifax provincial court Jan. 9.

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Rehtaeh Parsons FACEBOOK



An investigation is underway at a Yarmouth home where the body of an elderly man was discovered this week.

YARMOUTH VANGUARD

## Autopsy results from death could take weeks

Investigators say they expect a lengthy delay before receiving the results of an autopsy performed Thursday on a 76-year-old man found dead in his Yarmouth home earlier this week.

Police discovered the body of Stanley Ernest Adams in his residence at 55 Grove Rd. around 2 p.m. on Tuesday during a well-being check.

They are calling his death suspicious.

Timothy Stanley Adams, 43, is facing several charges in relation to the elder man's death, including indignities to human

remains and neglecting to perform duties with reference to burial.

RCMP spokesman Sgt. Alain LeBlanc wouldn't confirm the relationship between the victim and the accused, but Metro has learned they are uncle and nephew.

Officers entered the victim's home on Tuesday after visiting the house numerous times over several days. The visits had been triggered by concerns from neighbours, who said they had not seen the resident since the previous

winter.

One neighbour told the Yarmouth Vanguard the victim might have been dead for quite a while. She said the man who lived in the residence hoarded cats and in the springtime — around May and June — cats began showing up at her house. Police aren't offering a specific time frame as to how long the man had been dead.

"We can say that the deceased had been there for quite some time," said LeBlanc. "We are not talking about days."

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# Brother of dead soldier speaks out



Members of The Royal Canadian Regiment carry the casket at the funeral for Warrant Office Michael Robert McNeil at the Truro Armouries on Thursday. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

**A matter of life and death.** Help with post-traumatic stress desperately needed for those in the military, Kevin McNeil says

make more people aware, talk to these soldiers, let them know their jobs aren't in jeopardy and we're here for them."

McNeil's death at Canadian Forces Base Petawawa, northwest of Ottawa, is among four recent suicides in the military.

The Armed Forces acknowledges it will be dealing with an increased number of PTSD cases in the next decade as the stress of combat takes hold in those who have returned from the fighting in Afghanistan.

McNeil, 39, was a member 3rd Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment.

McNeil said he wants his brother remembered as a family man first and secondly as a hero to his country.

McNeil's coffin was carried into the armoury by an honour guard made up of McNeil's comrades in the Royal Canadian Regiment, assisted by his brother Kevin and cousin Tim McNeil.

## Quoted

**"He gave everything to his country. He was a strong man and will be missed forever."**

Kevin McNeil, brother of Warrant Officer Michael McNeil

During the funeral service, Lt. Kendra Mellish, the widow of Warrant Officer Frank Mellish, a soldier killed in Afghanistan in September 2006, gave a reflection on her friend.

She said after her husband died, McNeil helped care for her children and would meet her when he came back from tours.

"Only seven short years ago, he was in this same position, paying homage to his friend (Frank)," she said.

She offered comfort to McNeil's two daughters, one son and one stepson. "Be proud of the hero he was," she said.

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# Grocery magnate gives \$2M to King's College

**Endowment.** School hopes to attract premier students with new entrance scholarships

Attending the University of King's College in Halifax will be all the more affordable next year for three lucky students.

Grocery-store magnate

Donald Sobey announced on Thursday a \$2-million capital endowment to establish three entrance scholarships for first-year King's College undergraduate students.

"Dad found it very compelling to get behind a liberal-arts education because he's seen the power of what that can do," said Rob Sobey, speaking Thursday on behalf of his father.

"It doesn't help just in busi-

ness, but in all walks of life."

The endowment is the largest gift ever made to King's by an individual donor and is designed to offer at least three Donald R. Sobey scholarships in perpetuity.

"It's a transformative gift," said King's president George Cooper. "We're overwhelmed and we're overjoyed."

The scholarships — worth \$10,000 each and awarded

based on academic merit, leadership and community involvement — come on the eve of the school's 225th anniversary.

But the endowment's impact goes beyond the individual scholarships, said Cooper.

"There's a megaphone effect," he said. "We hope to be able to attract a large cadre of really top students."

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Dr. George Cooper, president of the University of King's College.

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### Philanthropy

#### Dartmouth hospital receives \$1 million

Dartmouth General Hospital has received the largest single gift in its history.

The hospital foundation announced on Thursday a \$1-million donation from former Dartmouth residents Hiram and Kaye Nelson.

"I remember clearly what it was like in Dartmouth, when we had to go around the basin to get to a hospital," said Hiram Nelson in a news release. "I am happy to help out."

Nelson, who now lives in British Columbia, credited the dedication of the community's residents — and especially physician Wylie Verge — with the hospital's construction.

The facility began operating in the mid-1970s.

Bill MacMaster, chair of the hospital foundation's board, expressed his thanks to the Nelson family for their generosity.

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### April

#### It's no joke: Comedy-fest tix up for grabs

Tickets are now on sale for the 19th annual Halifax Comedy Fest this spring.

Some of the performers confirmed so far include This Hour Has 22 Minutes stars Cathy Jones and Mark Critch, as well as Greg Morton, Nathan MacIntosh, Gilson Lubin, David Hemstad and Stephanie Tolev.

The Gala of Laughs and finale have also moved from the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium to the Spatz Theatre.

"It ... opens opportunity for the festival to work with the students of Citadel High, exposing them to the behind-the-scenes production of a world-class nationally televised show," said festival producer Kim Hendrickson in a statement.

The festival runs from April 23 to 26. You can buy tickets at [halifaxcomedy-fest.ca](http://halifaxcomedy-fest.ca). A full schedule will be released in January. METRO

## Sanctuary bound. Thirteen geese leaving Dartmouth pond for winter

They may not be flying south, but the geese at Sullivan's Pond are saying so long to Dartmouth for the winter.

The 13 Embden geese will be leaving their downtown Dartmouth digs on Friday and heading to the Hope for Wildlife animal sanctuary in Seaford.

Sanctuary volunteers will be transporting the birds 30 kilometres away to their one-acre facility, where trained professionals will provide them with shelter and daily meals.

The birds are a flightless, domesticated breed of fowl, so

### New neighbours

The birds will not starve for food or company — the gaggle will be sharing their new winter home with the two geese from Halifax's Public Gardens.

they rely on the municipality for food.

HRM officials felt the unpredictable winters and unmonitored food supply meant the animals would fare better in a supervised setting.

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# NDP bumped staff severance by \$250K

**Outgoing cabinet.**  
Top-ups offered one week after election loss, documents show

Nova Scotia's New Democrats were on the defensive Thursday because of government documents showing the cabinet of former premier Darrell Dexter bumped up severance by a total of \$250,000 for departing political staff after October's election defeat.

The documents obtained from a government source say the total severance payout for the 14 staff members was

about \$850,000.

During question period Wednesday, Liberal Premier Stephen McNeil said the former government hid behind cabinet secrecy to make the payments to those who were on contract.

He was responding to opposition attacks over his appointment of a defeated Liberal candidate as the province's chief protocol officer on a year-to-year contract with an annual salary of \$85,000.

Acting NDP Leader Maureen MacDonald said Thursday the intention of the severance change was to fix an oversight in the original contracts of staff members to reflect their years

## Outside view

**"It's like the Liberals with their patronage hiring. The only difference seems to be that the Liberals pay their people off at the beginning and the NDP pay off theirs at the end."**

Progressive Conservative Leader Jamie Baillie on the Liberals' hiring of Glennie Langille

of service before working in the Premier's Office.

The documents say cabinet made the decision Oct. 15 — one week after the election — and gave members of the



Former premier Darrell Dexter  
JEFF HARPER/METRO

premier's staff additional severance equal to one month's pay for every year of their previous service at the party's caucus of

while working in government.

"The contract had failed to include the severance that should be paid based on prior service in other parts of the public sector," said MacDonald.

However, she said the top-ups were capped at 15 months in order to save money in the case of payouts for longer-serving members of caucus, like former chief of staff Dan O'Connor, who worked for more than 20 years.

"We adjusted for that, we capped it and those are the results you see," MacDonald said.

Under the payout, O'Connor was given an extra \$24,287, topping out his severance at \$173,051. Of the other most

senior advisers in Dexter's office, communications director Shawn Fuller got a \$48,000 increase, bringing his departure package to \$105,979. Policy adviser Paul Black received \$43,347 for a total severance of \$109,031.

MacDonald cried foul over the release of the information, saying it was the result of McNeil taking heat from the opposition over his appointment of Glennie Langille as chief protocol officer.

"The government, I think, quite skillfully thinks this is a way to deflect from their patronage appointment," she said.

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## Nova Scotians honoured by Governor General for their bravery

Firefighters Randy Johnson, from Tantallon, and Gregory Kutney, from Hackett's Cove, look on as Governor General David Johnston presents the Star of Courage to Master Seaman Jason Sparkes of Tantallon during a ceremony at Rideau Hall in Ottawa on Thursday. The volunteer firefighters rescued a RCMP officer from drowning at Peggy's Cove three years ago when he washed into the sea during a storm. Other Nova Scotians amongst the 43 people recognized for bravery were Sgt. Michael Cox, Len MacIntyre, Francis Marshall, Joseph Sylvester and Nicole Foran. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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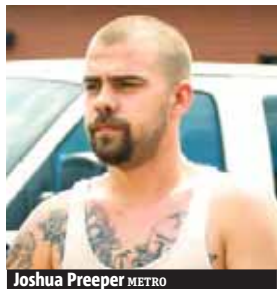
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# Second brother to stand trial



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The second of two brothers accused of first-degree murder in the death of a Dartmouth woman is now also set to attend court on Dec. 17 to set trial dates.

Joshua Michael Preeper, 21, was committed to stand trial following the conclusion of his preliminary hearing in provincial court on Thursday in the murder of Melissa

Peacock.

His brother, Dustan Joseph Preeper, 25, was committed to trial earlier this week after waiving his rights to a preliminary hearing.

They are to appear in Nova Scotia Supreme Court to have their trial dates set.

Peacock was 20 when she disappeared in November 2011. Her remains were

found on a rural property in Upper Stewiacke in July 2012.

Dustan Preeper is also charged with the second-degree murder of Ben Hare of Truro, who was killed during a brawl outside a Lyman Street apartment on July 8, 2010.

A preliminary inquiry for that case is set for Dec. 9.

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# Plaintiffs in Sydney Steel suit consider next move

**'We were upset about it.'** Lawyer says appeal court went beyond what he thought was possible in overturning Supreme Court justice



Neila MacQueen CAPE BRETON POST

Neila MacQueen says she never smoked a cigarette in her life. Yet, 14 years ago she underwent lung cancer surgery.

She blames her illness on the contamination she was exposed to by living near the site of the Sydney Steel plant. For that reason, she says she's disappointed for the people of Sydney that the Nova Scotia Court of Appeal this week threw out the certification of a class-action lawsuit brought against the provincial and federal governments for which she was one of four representative claimants.

She believes the lawsuit, first filed in 2004, is the only way of holding anyone to account for the contamination spewed into the environment by a century of steelmaking and the impact it has had on the health and properties of the people who lived nearby. About 400 people to date have signed on to the lawsuit.

"Large companies and government can come into a community and contaminate the

environment and not be held accountable," said MacQueen, who has lived on Dorchester Street in the north end for decades, about 200 feet from the edge of the steel plant site.

The appeals court overturned the certification by a Nova Scotia Supreme Court justice in 2011, ruling that there are too few common issues uniting the plaintiffs.

"We were upset about it," MacQueen said.

Ray Wagner, the lead lawyer on the file, said the appeal court's ruling went beyond what he thought could remotely be possible.

"We knew some aspects of it were at risk but we never thought that it would go this far," he said.

In the coming days, Wagner said they will take time to digest the decision, meet with class members and consider whether there are grounds to seek leave to appeal it to the Supreme Court of Canada.

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## Special meeting. Yarmouth looks to buy back ferry-terminal site

Yarmouth town council has authorized its representatives to acquire the Yarmouth ferry-terminal property from Transport Canada.

Council passed the motion at a special meeting this week. In its motion, council stressed the urgency of taking possession of the property, directing that it be acquired "as soon as possible."

Under the terms of sale, the federal government will only transfer the property to

a municipal government. The town is acting alone in the purchase.

Purchase of the property represents another step in the process of re-establishing a ferry service between Yarmouth and Portland, Maine.

The ferry terminal property is a critical piece of infrastructure and requires extensive renovation prior to the anticipated ferry service startup in May 2014. YARMOUTH VANGUARD

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# An 'outright lie': Ford denies he offered \$5K and a car for video

## Wiretap revelations.

Deputy Mayor Norm Kelly calls new allegations 'troubling'

Allegations that Rob Ford offered purported gang members money and a car in exchange for a video are an "outright lie," the Toronto mayor said Thursday amid new questions about why police did not arrest him.

Speaking on an American radio station, the scandal-plagued mayor quickly tried to change the topic when asked about the latest claims against him.

"You can talk to my lawyers about it," Ford told The Sports Junkies, a morning show based in Washington, D.C.

"I'm here to talk football, guys. So if you want to talk football, talk football; but if you want to talk about other things, then unfortunately I'm going to have to let you go."



Toronto Mayor Rob Ford uses a security guard as a shield amid a throng of media at Toronto City Hall on Thursday. CHRIS YOUNG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The latest allegations, which have not been proven in court, are contained in wiretap summaries put together as part of a guns and gangs investigation that were in a police document released Wednesday.

The intercepts reveal men talking with familiarity about the mayor, and suggest they had supplied him with drugs and plotted to blackmail him with photographs of him doing narcotics, police said.

Ford said nothing on ar-

rival at city hall Thursday but Deputy Mayor Norm Kelly, who has taken on many of the mayor's responsibilities, said the latest allegations would not affect city business. Kelly did call allegations that Ford was consorting with

drug traffickers and gang members troubling.

"The one that's bothered me the most is the possibility of criminality being involved in one way or the other with the mayor's office," he said.

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## Councillors want answers

### Why wasn't he arrested?

Deputy Mayor Norm Kelly has called allegations that Ford was consorting with drug traffickers and gang members troubling.

Some city councillors called on investigators to explain why they did not arrest the mayor, but police have consistently said they didn't have sufficient evidence to do so and Ford's status as mayor had nothing to do with it.

Investigators have asked to interview Ford, but he has refused on the advice of his lawyer, Dennis Morris, who called the latest allegations baseless.

"It has no benefit," Morris said. "What you could do is create charges that presently have no foundation."

## The Arctic. Ocean acidity could damage food web

Scientists huddled in a sea-ice camp on the Arctic Ocean have produced new evidence that climate change could be threatening the food web in the Far North.

The researchers found that copepods — a key component of the Arctic food web — are likely to react poorly to increasingly acidic water caused by high levels of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere.

"There were certainly possibilities for these animals to be affected," said Ceri Lewis of the University of Exeter, lead author of a paper published this week in the Proceedings of the

### What's a copepod?

Copepods are tiny crustaceans eaten by everything from fish to whales.

- They are one of the foundations of the marine ecosystem.

National Academy of Sciences.

The Arctic Ocean is acidifying faster than any other on Earth and all oceans are gradually losing pH.

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### Happy meal

### Don't bogart that burger, man

A Wendy's employee who tucked a partially smoked blunt in a customer's cheeseburger has been fired and charged with marijuana possession.

Police in the city of Love-

joy, Ga., about 40 kilometres south of downtown Atlanta, say a customer drove home with her food Nov. 1, took a bite out of the burger and noticed a strange smell wafting from it. Police say the woman pulled the bun off and saw a partially smoked blunt inside.

A blunt is marijuana rolled into a hollowed-out cigar. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Woman live-tweets her own husband's deadly car crash



Crews respond to an accident in Vancouver, Wash., on Wednesday. Caran Johnson, who regularly monitors police-scanner traffic, unknowingly live-tweeted about her husband's death in the crash. ZACHARY KAUFMAN/THE COLUMBIAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A Washington state woman who regularly monitors police-scanner traffic unknowingly live-tweeted about her husband's death in a freeway crash.

In a series of gut-wrenching tweets on Wednesday that grew more frantic, the Vancouver, Wash., mother first tweeted how horrible it was when she learned someone had died on Interstate 205 near the Oregon border.

Caran Johnson, who uses the handle @ScanCouver, then told her Twitter followers that she was trying not to panic because her husband, who drives the freeway, wasn't picking up his phone and was late getting home.

"I'm a basketcase," she tweeted.

Johnson also worried because her husband had epilepsy and was feeling faint when he left work early. She wondered whether he might have pulled over somewhere and fretted about how long

### Heart-rending tweet

"it's him. he died."

Caran Johnson, tweeting about her husband's car crash, after troopers arrived at her house to tell her he had died.

she should wait for him before calling police.

As the events unfolded, she messaged Washington State Patrol spokesman Will Finn directly, asking whether he had descriptions of the vehicles involved in the collision. Finn said he didn't, but it struck him as odd so he began looking into the crash.

"I contacted the investigator and we put two and two together. I realized I had a situation on my hands," Finn said Thursday.

Troopers later went to Johnson's home to tell her that her husband, 47-year-old Craig Johnson, had died in the collision.

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Ottawa nurse Janique Gagnon helps vaccinate a child in the Central African Republic. CONTRIBUTED

# Great suffering, enormous need

**Médecins Sans Frontières.** Conflict in the Central African Republic as awful as higher-profile crises, says Canadian nurse

**DENIS ARMSTRONG**  
For Metro in Ottawa

Janique Gagnon returned from the Central African Republic on Oct. 8 "with a heavy heart."

The Ottawa children's hospital nurse had just spent the last six months on her first mission with Médecins Sans Frontières — Doctors Without Borders — in one of the most dangerous places on earth, and though she's glad to be home with her husband and two young sons, she wants to return to the war-torn nation as soon as possible.

"I knew there was a risk, so I made it a family decision," Gagnon says. "If my husband or boys don't want me to go, I won't. But they gave me their permission."

They gave their permission because, despite the obvious risks, Gagnon's family understood that front-line emergency work was in her blood.

Before nursing, Gagnon spent 10 years in the Canadian military, deployed in Italy as well as Bosnia-Herzegovina, where she treated casualties from Sarajevo while under fire. Gagnon retired from the military in 2001.

By then, she was looking



Janique Gagnon, centre, with a group of women in the Central African Republic, at an outreach vaccination day. CONTRIBUTED

for an opportunity to volunteer with MSF. The organization offered her the opportunity to run a 95-bed hospital in Boguila, Central African Republic — a jungle village 400 kilometres from the capital, Bangui. This was in April, only two weeks after a coup d'état reduced the tribal country to civil war.

Without blinking an eye, Gagnon accepted on the spot — nevermind that Seleka rebels and government forces fought viciously in the jungle near the hospital compound.

John Ging, the UN's director of humanitarian operations, has described the country as "a tinderbox that can ignite into something very, very big and very, very bad. Half the country's population of 4.6 million need humanitarian aid. The scale of suffering is among the worst in the world, and it's getting worse."

"I knew the conditions were bad, but that is why I wanted to be there, where the need is the greatest," said Gagnon. "Which is why I joined MSF, because they go to those places where people need medical care the

most, and that's usually a dangerous place."

Gagnon had arrived at the beginning of the rainy season when malaria was rampant. She treated the diseased, the dismembered and the dying, witnessing more human degradation than any person should ever see.

Thanks in part to her front-line military experience, she pushed through and focused on the job. She recalls the day she stood up to a Seleka colonel, ordering him to remove his gun prior to entering the hospital.

She remembers the day she cried for the baby that died in her arms.

"Conditions were hard, but the people were so grateful we were there, they didn't want us to leave," she recalls. "I have a huge amount of respect for the people who live there. They have nothing. They can't even take care of themselves because there's nothing."

Gagnon says what they need most are schools. "Education leads to change. It's a long process, but it has to begin now."

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## Diplomats picked pockets of the poor: U.S. prosecutors

**No immunity for that**

**"Being a diplomat does not give you the right to commit health-care fraud."**

George Venizelos, head of the FBI's New York office

Dozens of current or former Russian diplomats and their spouses enjoyed luxury vacations and spent tens of thousands of dollars on concert tickets, fine clothing and helicopter rides as they lied about their incomes to get the U.S. government to pay their health-care bills with money meant for the poor, federal prosecutors said Thursday.

The diplomats were among 49 individuals charged in a complaint unsealed in federal court in Manhattan, though no arrests were made and only 11 of the diplomats and their spouses remained in the United States. The complaint said Medicaid, a health care program for the poor, lost about \$1.5 million in the scheme since 2004.

"Diplomacy should be about extending hands, not picking pockets in the host country," U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara told a Manhattan news conference. He called it "shameful and systemic corruption."

Russia's Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov said in remarks carried by the

Interfax news agency that "we are bewildered by making the information about accusations of alleged tax and other offences by Russian embassy personnel available to the media."

"It's not clear why the relevant agencies have considered it possible to make these accusations public before discussing them through diplomatic channels," he said.

The complaint alleges that the defendants submitted fraudulent applications for medical benefits for pregnancies, births and care for young children. Federal prosecutors said the diplomats qualified for Medicaid benefits by underreporting their income, often by tens of thousands of

dollars.

In court papers, FBI agent Jeremy Robertson said 58 of the 63 births attributed to Russian diplomats and their spouses in New York City between 2004 and 2013 were funded through Medicaid.

Meanwhile, the diplomats and their spouses spent tens of thousands of dollars on vacations, fancy watches, expensive jewelry and designer clothing at luxury retail stores including Bloomingdale's, Tiffany & Co., Jimmy Choo, Swarovski and others, the court papers said.

The complaint said they also spent tens of thousands of dollars on electronic merchandise at Apple Inc. stores and elsewhere. Authorities said they also bought concert tickets, robotic cleaning devices and chartered helicopters.

Charges in the criminal complaint included conspiracy to commit health-care fraud, conspiracy to steal government funds and make false statements relating to health-care matters.

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### Assembly law

## Egyptian activists sentenced

Prosecutors on Thursday sent to trial two of the most prominent Egyptian activists involved in the 2011 uprising that brought down Hosni Mubarak, charging them with taking part in an "illegal" protest and allegedly assaulting policemen during demonstrations last month, judiciary officials said.

This is the first referral of activists to trial linked to the recently enacted protest or assembly law, which places draconian conditions on staging street demonstrations.

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### Syria

## Journalist killed by opposition forces

Syrian opposition fighters killed an Iraqi freelance journalist in the rebel-held north of the country, the latest of dozens of reporters who have died in the country over the past three years, an activist group and an international media watchdog said Thursday.

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## Outcry over globalization

A protester shouts slogans against the World Trade Organization during a rally in Bali, Indonesia, Thursday. Indonesia is hosting the World Trade Organization Ministerial Conference from Dec. 3-6.

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## Vatican City. Former priest marries the mother of his child

Thomas Williams, the one-time public face of the disgraced Legion of Christ religious order who left the priesthood after admitting he fathered a child, is getting married this weekend to the child's mother, The Associated Press has learned.

The bride is the daughter of former U.S. Ambassador to the Holy See, Mary Ann Glendon, one of Pope Francis' top advisers. Her daughter, Elizabeth Lev, is a Rome-based art historian and columnist for the Legion-run Zenit news agency, which Williams published for over a decade while he was in the order.

Williams admitted last year that he had fathered a child several years earlier. At the time Williams was the most publicly prominent priest in the 950-strong order. He is the author of such books as 2008's *Knowing Right From Wrong: A Christian Guide to Conscience*, and was a commentator for the U.S. broadcaster CBS. He was the superior of the Legion's general directorate in Rome in the late 1990s and early 2000s.

Williams apologized for "this grave transgression" against his vows of celibacy

### More to the story?

The wedding closes a circle of sorts, even as it raises some uncomfortable questions:

- Was Williams already in a relationship with Lev when she became a regular contributor to the magazine he published?
- Who beyond Williams' superior in the church knew about the child while the couple tried to cover it up?
- Did family ties to Williams influence Glendon in her defence of the Legion and its disgraced founder despite credible reports that the founder was a pedophile?

and said he had stayed on as a priest because he hoped to move beyond "this sin in my past" to do good work for the church.

After taking a year off for reflection, Williams left the priesthood in May to care for his son. According to their wedding registry, he and Lev are due to marry on Saturday in the United States. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

### Kenya

## Venezuelan ambassador's bag used to traffic drugs

Testifying Wednesday in the trial of a former diplomat charged in the killing of the acting Venezuelan ambas-

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The embassy's former first secretary is charged with the murder of acting Ambassador Olga Fonseca. She was found strangled in the embassy's official residence on July 27, 2012. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



## Lions, tigers and liligers!

Six-month-old liliger cub Eva plays in the snow with her mother, Zita, in a zoo in Novosibirsk, Russia, Thursday. The cub's mother is a liger — half-lioness, half-tiger — and her father is a lion, Sam.

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### Eastern Europe

## Moldova's official language changed

Moldova's Constitutional Court ruled Thursday that the country's official language should be changed to Romanian from Moldovan.

Moldovans and Romanians speak the same language with slight variations due to different historical influences. The language was renamed Moldovan under Soviet rule to separate the country from Romania.

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## The Boss. Born to Run original lyric sheet sells at Sotheby's for \$197,000

A handwritten, working lyric sheet for Bruce Springsteen's 1975 hit *Born to Run* sold for \$197,000 US on Thursday at Sotheby's.

The document used to be in the collection of Springsteen's former manager, Mike Appel, according to Sotheby's. It did not reveal the identity of either the seller or the buyer, a person bidding by telephone.

Most of the lines in this rough 1974 version, written

## Pope Francis. Commission will try to combat church's sexual abuse scandals

Pope Francis responded Tuesday to complaints that he has largely ignored the clerical sex abuse scandal, agreeing to assemble a panel of experts to advise the Holy See on protecting children from pedophiles and helping abuse victims heal.

Cardinal Sean O'Malley, the archbishop of Boston, announced the creation of the commission Thursday at the conclusion of a meeting between Francis and his eight cardinal advisers who are helping him govern the church and reform the Vatican bureaucracy.

O'Malley told reporters that the commission, made up of international lay and religious experts on sexual abuse, would study current programs to protect children, better screen priests, train church personnel and suggest new initiatives for both the Holy See to implement inside the Vatican City State and for bishops to implement around the world.

SNAP, the main U.S. victim's group, dismissed the initiative as useless and said the only

### Non-believers

"Parents and parishioners are being offered yet another toothless church panel."

David Clohessy, director of SNAP, the main U.S. victims' group

thing that will protect children is if the church punishes negligent bishops and orders them to publicly disclose the names of molesters. "This simple step would immediately make kids safer," said David Clohessy, SNAP director.

Advocates for victims have long denounced the Vatican's refusal to sanction bishops who shielded abusive priests. That practice, coupled with the church's culture of secrecy and fear of scandal, enabled pedophiles to continue molesting children for decades while the Vatican turned a blind eye.

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A woman and her dog are rescued by the RNLI, or Royal National Lifeboat Institute, from floods as heavy seas and high tides sweep across the country, in Rhyl, Wales, Thursday Dec. 5, 2013. PETER BYRNE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Deadly storm pounds Europe

## Damaging winds.

Gusts up to 229 km/h slammed Scotland and paralyzed train service

Hurricane-force gusts hit Britain on Thursday as part of a powerful storm moving across Europe, disrupting air travel, halting trains and leaving tens of thousands of homes without electricity. Accidents linked to the storm killed three people.

Authorities evacuated some 10,000 homes along the eastern English coast after warning that the country could face its worst tidal surge in 60

years. The Thames Barrier — a series of huge metal plates that can be raised across the entire river — was being closed late Thursday to protect London from the surge.

Tidal floods — caused as the storm drives huge amounts of seawater toward the land — were expected in Britain, Germany and Scandinavia, together with freezing high winds from Greenland.

The storm plowed into Scotland overnight, slamming the highlands with gusts up to 142 miles (229 kilometres) per hour. Trains were suspended for much of the day, but began to run fitfully later as some routes were cleared of debris.

## Taking cover

# 10,000

The amount of homes that have evacuated along the eastern English coast

Rescue teams ferried residents to safety by boat in north Wales, while officials in other areas handed out sandbags and set up emergency shelters.

Transportation troubles were reported throughout northwestern Europe. All flights to and from Copenhagen's international airport were halted late Thursday due to the storm, officials said. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

# Bollywood star faces homicide charge

Indian movie star Salman Khan will face a fresh trial on a homicide charge for a fatal road accident more than 11 years ago.

Police said that Khan drove his car into a group of people sleeping on a Mumbai sidewalk in September 2002, killing one and injuring four.

The actor was on trial for a lesser offence of causing death by negligence, which carries a maximum penalty of two years in prison.

However, after a magistrate in Mumbai heard the evidence, he invoked the more serious charge of culpable homicide not amounting to murder against the actor in February.

Khan could face up to 10 years in prison if convicted of culpable homicide. He also faces charges of negligent driving and causing grievous

## Prison time

Khan could face up to 10 years if convicted of culpable homicide

hurt to the victims.

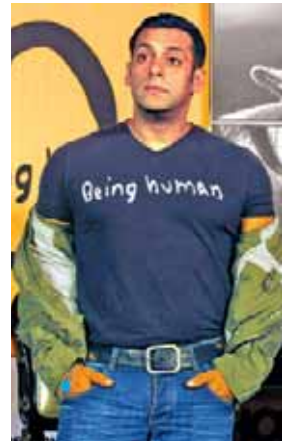
Khan has pleaded not guilty to the charges and sought a fresh trial, which Judge D. W. Deshpande granted Thursday. The judge said that all the witnesses would be re-examined.

The pretrial is set for Dec. 23.

"These are far more serious charges, so there should be a fair opportunity (for Khan) to defend himself," his lawyer, Shrikant Shivade, said.

Khan, one of Bollywood's most popular stars, has acted in about 90 Hindi-language films in his 25-year career.

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Bollywood star Salman Khan. An Indian judge on Thursday, Dec. 5, 2013, ordered a fresh trial against Khan on a homicide charge for a fatal road accident more than 11 years ago, and said all the witnesses would be re-examined.

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## British Columbia

## B.C. program shows doctors the money

A \$100,000 cash incentive has attracted nine new doctors to take on jobs in rural B.C. It's part of a program developed by the provincial government and the British Columbia Medical Association to get physicians to work in remote areas in the province. The doctors will be serving in Terrace, Chetwynd, Bella Coola, Hazelton, Clearwater, Princeton, Nakusp and Port Hardy for three years. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## Growing optimism.

# Whales stranded near coast move to deeper water

Pods of 35 pilot whales have been moving into deeper water off Florida's southwest coast, raising optimism that the strandings may soon end.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration fisheries official Blair Mase said Thursday the three pods were located nine miles (14 1/2 kilometres) north of their original location and moving offshore. They were in 12 feet (3.6 metres) of water at mid-afternoon.

Mase says anything can still happen, but officials think the whales have a chance to reach their normal deep-ocean range.

She also says 11 whales are dead and five are unaccounted for.

The large group of whales was first spotted Tuesday in very shallow water in Everglades National Park.

Those that died are being studied because they beached themselves.

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## British soldier's death

## 'As if Allah had chosen him,' accused's trial hears

A man accused of murdering a British soldier on a London street says he attacked the first serviceman he spotted, saying "it was almost as if Allah had chosen him."

Michael Adebolajo told police in an interview played Thursday at his trial that he

and his co-accused decided a soldier was "the most fair target because he joins the army with kind of an understanding that your life is at risk.... We sat in wait and it just so happened that he was the soldier that was spotted first," Adebolajo said in the police interview. Adebolajo and Michael Adebowale are accused of running Fusilier Lee Rigby down with a car before hacking him to death.

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## Libya

## American killed while jogging

An American teacher was shot to death as he was jogging in Benghazi on Thursday, highlighting persistently tenuous security in the eastern Libyan city where the U.S. ambassador was killed last year.

There were no credible claims of responsibility, but suspicion is likely to

fall on Islamic militants active in Benghazi. It came five days after al-Qaida's American spokesman called upon Libyans to attack U.S. interests everywhere as revenge for U.S. special forces snatching an al-Qaida suspect off the streets of Tripoli in October and whisking him out of the country. The victim taught chemistry at Benghazi's International School which follows a British curriculum.

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Loading a victim into an ambulance after Yemen attack. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Brazen attack on Yemen's Defence Ministry

**Sanaa.** Dark day for U.S. ally, whose shoreline is close to vital oil-shipping lanes

## Alerted

The Yemen Defence Ministry was tipped off last week that a major attack in the capital was imminent, prompting authorities to reinforce security.

- Yemen is strategically located at the southwest corner of the Arabian Peninsula.

The Yemen Defence Ministry came under attack Thursday from a suicide car bomber and heavily armed gunmen, killing 52 people and wounding 167 in a fierce battle in the heart of the capital of Sanaa.

Among the dead at the Defence Ministry complex, which also houses a military hospital, were soldiers and civilians, including seven foreigners — two Germans, two Vietnamese, two Filipinos and one Indian, according to the Supreme Security Commission.

Nobody immediately claimed responsibility for the two-stage assault, but suicide bombings and complex attacks are the hallmarks of al-Qaida.

The morning attack, the deadliest in Sanaa since May 2012, underlined the ability of insurgents to strike at the government as

they exploit the instability that has plagued the country — a U.S. ally — for more than two years.

The U.S. considers Yemen's al-Qaida branch to be the most active in the world.

The government said all the militants who stormed the complex Thursday were killed, but it did not say how many. State TV showed a dozen bodies, identifying them as the attackers. Military helicopters hovered over the site as soldiers and ambulances arrived and gunfire echoed in the streets.

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# C-section forced on mentally ill woman by a British court

**U.K.** Risk of her womb rupturing in delivery; court approved use of 'reasonable restraint' for the surgery

A newly released court judgment says that doctors were medically justified in forcing an Italian woman to have a cesarean section last year because it was in her best interests.

At a hearing of Britain's Court of Protection in August 2012, Justice Nicholas Mostyn declared doctors should be allowed to force Alessandra Pacchieri, 35, to have a C-section because a natural delivery risked rupturing her womb.

There were also concerns

that if Pacchieri was uncooperative when she went into labour, doctors would be unable to monitor the baby's heartbeat and to see whether Pacchieri's womb might rupture.

In his decision, Mostyn authorized the use of "reasonable restraint" to perform the C-section safely.

Pacchieri previously had two elective C-sections and suffered from "a significant mental disorder which is psychotic in nature," Mostyn wrote in his declaration. She had been detained in an east London hospital for several weeks before having the C-section.

The Court of Protection makes decisions for people deemed unable to decide for themselves.

It said the ruling was released because of public in-

## Quoted

**"A predictable home could only be secured by way of adoption."**

A British court ruled in February, although the mom "very much wished" to parent the baby girl, the ruling said.

terest in the case.

Pacchieri is now contesting a British decision to put the child, a girl, up for adoption.

Pacchieri's name was disclosed in a press release by her lawyer Stefano Oliva, which said she will appeal against her baby's adoption.

At the hearing on forcing a C-section evidence was submitted from a psychiatrist detailing her psychotic episodes and delusional beliefs.

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## Demo halted for Thai king

An anti-government protester holds a picture of Thai King Bhumibol Adulyadej as prayers are said during a celebration of his 86th birthday at the democracy monument which protesters have been occupying in Bangkok. Protesters agreed to halt their activities to pay respect on the king's birthday. ED WRAY/GETTY IMAGES

Kawartha Lakes, Ont.

## Mystery woman leaves 'uranium' with police; no ID

Police are looking for a woman who walked into a police station with a container labelled "85 per cent uranium."

Kawartha Lakes Police say she was asking for advice on how to dispose of it. Cops believe the material came from a Kirkland Lake mine where her grandfather worked.

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Social media plea

## Lost suitcase with gifts returned

A Regina woman who lost her suitcase on the highway is no longer singing the blues. Trina Owens reached out on social media and Kijiji after her suitcase fell off a truck. It was full of Christmas presents from a U.S. trip. Her plea paid off when the case was returned.

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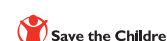
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## Use bitcoin at your own risk, warns China's central bank

### 'Virtual goods.'

Country bars banks from handling the cybercurrency

Bitcoins suffered a new setback after China's central bank said Thursday its banks and payment systems are barred from handling the virtual currency.

The central bank said bitcoins did not qualify as a currency but private individuals are still allowed to trade them at their own risk.

Bitcoins are created, distributed, and authenticated independently of any bank or government. Their relative anonymity holds out the promise of being able to spend money across the In-



A customer pays for drinks at a pub using bitcoins earlier this year in Sydney, Australia, using a QR code on a smartphone. GETTY IMAGES

ternet without scrutiny.

"Bitcoins are virtual goods that have no legal status or monetary equivalent and should not be used as currency," said a Chinese central bank statement.

It said financial institutions and payment systems were not allowed to use bitcoin prices for products and could not sell, trade or store bitcoins.

"Ordinary people are free to participate in transactions at their own risk," the central bank said. Despite wild swings in value, the virtual currency has been moving toward broader acceptance. A growing number of companies accept bitcoins, which can be converted into cash.

Other governments are wary of the cybercurrency. In July, Thailand's central bank banned trading and use of bitcoins.

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## Fast-food workers not lovin' their McSalaries

Fast-food workers rally for better wages outside a McDonald's restaurant in Chicago Thursday. Demonstrations planned in 100 U.S. cities are part of push by labour unions, worker advocacy groups and Democrats to raise the federal minimum wage of \$7.25 US. Protesters are calling for pay of \$15 US an hour, but the figure is seen more as a rallying point. The push for higher pay faces an uphill battle. The industry competes aggressively on value offerings and companies have warned they would need to raise prices if wages were hiked. Most fast-food locations are owned and operated by franchisees, which lets companies such as McDonald's Corp. and Burger King Worldwide Inc. say they don't control worker pay. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### Baby steps

## Twitter leans in, adds woman to board of directors

Twitter has named Marjorie Scardino as a director, adding a woman to the all-white male board for which it's been sharply criticized.

Scardino, 66, was the CEO of Pearson PLC, a publishing and education company, from 1997 to 2012, Twitter Inc. said in a filing. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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## High EI rates padding feds' budget: Watchdog

The Harper government may need to depend on artificially high EI premiums, asset sales and spending restraint to balance the budget in time for the 2015 election, the federal budget watchdog says in a new report.

But the new assessment from the parliamentary budget office also projects that the government will be able to achieve its target of a balanced budget

in 2015 and even amass a bigger surplus in the critical election year than the government projects.

The report says its baseline projection puts the 2015 budget surplus at \$4.6 billion — almost \$1 billion more than the official estimate contained in last month's economic update paper. As well, the budget office projection shows next year's deficit at \$3.5 billion —

\$2 billion lower than Ottawa's estimate in last month's economic update — and within an eyelash of a balanced budget, once a \$3-billion cushion for surprises is factored out.

But the report shows the seeming economic improvement is dependent not so much on a strong economy but on extraordinary measures and keeping payroll taxes higher than need be. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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# Freedom fighter, world icon

**Analysis.** Why Nelson Mandela was important to South Africa and the world



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Nelson Mandela's cell of five square metres in Robben Island, where he spent 18 of his 27 years in prison, is now a virtual shrine for tourists and political figures alike. But Mandela was much more than a long-suffering prisoner. He was a world leader and a 20th century icon.

"His building a future for South Africa was a huge achievement," says Stephen Chan, professor of international relations at the School of Oriental and African Studies in London and author of numerous books on southern Africa.

"He helped draft what may be the world's best constitution. He was instrumental in establishing the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, which was crucial in helping

the country deal with its apartheid past. He was also a highly moral politician, setting the tone for the whole continent by stepping down after one term."

Lilias van Wyk, a white South African who lived through apartheid, is full of admiration for Mandela.

"There's nobody like him here in South Africa. (Our former president and Mandela's deputy president Thabo Mbeki) was a gentleman, but our current president is more interested in ladies than anything else," she tells Metro.

Indeed, Mandela succeeded where so many other freedom-fighters-turned-leaders have failed: as a democratic politician and later president, the former communist united his country.

Despite the black majority's pent-up anger over decades of discrimination, no civil war erupted. The transition to democracy under Mandela's leadership proceeded in a remarkably peaceful and orderly fashion. In his presidential inauguration speech, Mandela urged South Africans to practise for-

## Quote

**"We all think he was a fantastic man. It's amazing what he accomplished without any violence or shooting. And his dignity! I say, 'Thank you, Lord, that we've had him.'"**

Lilias van Wyk, a white South African who lived through apartheid

giveness, saying in Afrikaans, "Wat is verby verby," which translates to "What is past is past." And, through the power of his moral leadership, Mandela brought South Africa back into the international fold.

But, Africa watchers note, Mandela was no angel, inherently speaking.

"He became a saint because we made him one," says Chan. "We made him one to justify not putting enough pressure on the apartheid government to release him."

And though South African lore sees him as an old man who magically emerged from

decades in prison to govern his country with great success, the reality is a bit more nuanced. Explains Chan: "The four years between his release and his election as president in 1994 were turbulent. He had to go on a steep learning curve."

And, while Mandela was in charge as president, he mainly provided the strategic direction and left the nitty-gritty of governing to his deputy, Thabo Mbeki. That's in no way negative, but the frail 76-year-old didn't single-handedly perform the arduous task of running the country.

Even after stepping down, Mandela remained an icon at home and around the world: almost uniquely among dissidents elected to political power, he left with his integrity and popularity intact. For South Africa, the African continent, even the world he was a desperately needed icon of democratic success.

"We're all praying for a peaceful transition now," says van Wyk. "We're on our knees 24-7."

But the adoration of Mandela will no doubt continue.



South Africa's first black president, Nelson Mandela, revisits his prison cell on Robben Island, where he spent 18 of his 27 years in prison, in 1994.

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## 5 THINGS WE'LL REMEMBER ABOUT MANDELA

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### FROM ROYALTY, LEGAL ACTIVISM TO "TERRORISM"

Nelson Mandela, raised by an African royal family in the Eastern Cape region of South Africa, studied law at university and opened the country's first black law firm at the age of 34. His zeal to fight apartheid led him to co-found an armed wing of the African National Congress, classified as a terrorist group at the time.

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### ROBBED OF LIBERTY, ON ROBBER ISLAND

In 1964, Mandela was jailed for life for plotting to overthrow the government by sabotage. For 18 years of his sentence, he was interned at the infamous Robben Island prison in a tiny cell barely a few square metres in size. He was locked away, but not forgotten, as his power of resistance against apartheid spread from behind the bars to across the world.

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### MANDELA'S FREE AFTER MORE THAN A QUARTER OF A CENTURY

On February 11, 1990, clutching his wife Winnie's hand and dressed in a dignified brown suit, Mandela punches the air in a victory salute as he walks away from the gates of Victor Verster Prison. Mandela's freedom after 27 years in jail was one of the most iconic memories of the 20th century. Mandela was released following a relaxation of apartheid laws.

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### SOUTH AFRICA'S FIRST BLACK PRESIDENT ... AND OLDEST

In 1994, after more than 300 years of white rule, South Africa has its first black president after the country's first fully democratic election. At age 75, he became South Africa's oldest ever elected head of state.

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### BLACK AND WHITE UNITED, THROUGH SPORT

The following year, in another epic historic — and sporting — moment of the 20th century, Mandela presents the Rugby World Cup trophy to captain Francois Pienaar, an Afrikaner. Wearing a shirt of the South African rugby team (once reviled by the black population), Mandela's gesture was seen as a huge step of unity between blacks and whites.

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visitor a year for 30 minutes was all Mandela was allowed to receive as a prisoner on Robben Island. He could write and receive one letter every half a year while interned there.



**"If you want to make peace with your enemy, you have to work with your enemy. Then he becomes your partner."**

Mandela on dealing with his opponents. He was lauded worldwide for working with those authorities that once persecuted him, rather than remaining embittered.

## DID YOU KNOW?

**MADIBA:** Throughout his life, Mandela was affectionately and respectfully called Madiba, the name of the Xhosa-speaking Thembu tribal clan to which he belonged.

**MASTER OF DISGUISE:** Nicknamed "The Black Prosperer" during his clashes with South African authorities because of his knack for avoiding the police using disguises — his favourite one was a chauffeur.

**KEEN CLASSICAL MUSIC FAN:** Handel and Tchaikovsky were named among his favourite musicians.

**A TASTE FOR THE SIMPLE:** Mandela's favourite dishes included cranberry meat pie with sour milk, roast stew with vegetables and tripe — that's the stomach lining of animals.

**MANDELA THE "TERRORIST":** For years, Mandela was flagged on the United States' terror watch list due to his leadership in "terrorist" organization African National Congress against the old apartheid regime, and needed a waiver from the Secretary of State to travel to the U.S. In 2008, he was removed from the terror list.



## Synopsis

"Well, it's Christmas time, pretty baby" ... and the Reel Guys are watching films... With our apologies to Jerry Leiber and Mike Stoller, who wrote those lyrics to Elvis Presley's Santa Claus is Back in Town — that song pretty much sums up what the holiday season means for us. Next week we'll be back to reviewing the big releases of the year, but before we get to that we thought we'd have a look at movies to get us in the Christmas spirit. They may not all be on Santa's nice list.



Billy Bob Thornton's *Bad Santa* is an antidote to all that icky holiday cheer. CONTRIBUTED

## Reel Guys

RICHARD  
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MARK BRESLIN



# Santa's back in town

**Festive features.** The Reel Guys share their favourite holiday films, but not all of them bring comfort and joy

**Richard:** James Stewart stars in one of the movies that always puts me in the mood for Christmas, but it's not the one you think. Sure, it's *A Wonderful Life* is a classic and yuletastic, but I also enjoy *The Shop Around The Corner*. It's a Christmassy romance that sees shop co-workers Stewart and Margaret Sullivan at one another's throats at work, unaware that they are also anonymously courting one another as pen pals. All becomes clear on Christmas Eve and

they unwrap a big ol' gift basket of love. It's almost as heartwarming as a giant mug of hot chocolate.

**Mark:** Richard, as I'm Jewish, the Christmas holiday doesn't have quite the emotional pull on me that it might have on you. So, come Christmas Eve our family gathers around the TV, where we watch *Bad Santa* until we fall asleep from convulsive laughter. The story of an alcoholic, womanizing, foul-mouthed Santa is a delightful antidote to all that icky cheer I'm supposed to feel. Then, when the novelty dies down, I get with the program and watch *Elf*. But I wear my Grinch mask just in case a tear is shed.

**RC:** That green synthetic fur is great for soaking up tears! But an antidote to the icky cheer

you describe are two films set during the holidays without an ounce of tinsel treacle between them. In *The Long Kiss Goodnight* an amnesiac played by Geena Davis is outed as a former hired killer when she is recognized playing Mrs. Claus in a Christmas parade. The title *A Christmas Tale* sounds traditional enough, but the story focuses on the bitter rather than the sweet. The English title of this Catherine Deneuve dramedy could easily have been *Cancer for Christmas*, but despite the downer topic it's complex, funny and touching.

**MB:** I've never seen *A Christmas Tale*, Richard, thanks for the tip. But if it's holiday downers we're looking for, consider *Black Christmas*, a 1974 slasher flick starring Olivia Hussey. I guess you could double-bill this

one with the 2006 remake, but that might be, ahem, overkill.

**RC:** Many years ago, on the first Christmas the PMC — my Preferred Movie Companion — and I spent together, I screened *Black Christmas* for her, which almost stopped the relationship before it had a chance to really get going. I love the slaying slasher story. Her, not so much. I quickly rebounded with *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation*, which made the yuletide bright once again. Thanks, Chevy Chase, for saving Christmas and my relationship!

**MB:** Well, for a Jewish guy like me, I'll just have to be content with Adam Sandler's Hanukkah animation classic, *Eight Crazy Nights*, and a glass of Manischewitz!

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# Women rule at Sundance 2014

## Lineup look-ahead.

Comedy giants try their hand at more serious roles

Ladies will continue to drive the feature lineup at the Sundance Film Festival as Robert Redford's independent-cinema fair celebrates its 30th anniversary next month in Park City, Utah.

At the top of the list released Wednesday, female directors dominate the competition, with eight out of the 16 films helmed by women. And in front of the camera, women reign supreme — only this time, comedians eclipse the layout.

Actresses like Amy Poehler, Kristen Wiig, Molly Shannon, Aubrey Plaza, Amy Sedaris and Jenny Slate all appear in features playing at the upcoming fest. And in the case of Wiig, Shannon and Plaza, we have funny gals turning serious.

Following her dramatic turn in the upcoming *The*



Bill Hader and Kristen Wiig take a turn for the serious at Sundance in *The Skeleton Twins*. CONTRIBUTED

*Secret Life of Walter Mitty*, Wiig will play the twin sister of fellow SNL alum Bill Hader in *The Skeleton Twins*. In the film, which also stars Luke Wilson and Ty Burrell, the siblings coincidentally cheat death on the same day.

Shannon and Plaza will star in *Life After Beth*, which focuses on a mysterious second chance at love after death.

"Comedians are big this year, especially with what we are calling 'funny ladies,'" said Sundance director John

Cooper. "A lot of these roles are setting up typical comedic actresses in roles that are a little deeper. In general, a lot of actors are being drawn to independent film because of the quality of interesting roles that they can play."

Sundance films typically

## By the numbers

Altogether, 117 feature-length films, selected out of 12,218 titles submitted (72 more than for 2013), are scheduled for Sundance 2014. Some 37 countries and 54 first-time filmmakers will be represented.

offer the ideal fabric and draw for performers who are departing from their usual Hollywood formulas.

Girls sitcom creator Lena Dunham, whose debut movie, *Tiny Furniture*, won best narrative feature when it premiered at the South by Southwest film festival in 2010, will appear in writer/director Joe Swanberg's *Happy Christmas*, also starring Anna Kendrick.

In her first feature since *The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 2*, Kristen Stewart plays a guard stationed at Guantanamo Bay in budding writer/director Peter Sattler's *Camp X-Ray*.

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## Drama



## Hold Fast

Director. Justin Sims

Stars. Molly Parker, Mike Daly

Based on the book by Kevin Major (which won the Governor General's award in 1978), *Hold Fast* is the story of Michael, a 14-year-old Newfoundland boy whose life is turned upside down when his parents die in a car crash. Used to life in a fishing town, Michael is sent to live like a 'townie' with his aunt, uncle and cousin, Curtis. Michael doesn't adapt well to his new life and soon he and Curtis run away on an adventure where he seeks connection with his deceased parents. *Hold Fast*'s shallow character development and stiff acting make the film fall flat.

LIZ BROWN

## Crime/Drama



## Out of the Furnace

Director. Scott Cooper

Stars. Christian Bale, Casey Affleck

This movie is bleaker than the most mournful George Jones song. When steel mill worker Russell Baze (Christian Bale) emerges from jail, he finds his live-in girlfriend (Zoe Saldana) no longer lives in and his Iraq War vet brother Rodney (Casey Affleck) is having trouble with civilian life. When Rodney disappears after a bare-knuckle fight run by Harlan DeGroat (Woody Harrelson) Russell attempts vigilante justice. Bale and Affleck hand in intense performances but Harrelson shines as the best movie scuzzball in recent memory. It's a portrait of a hard life drawn in hard-edged detail.

RICHARD CROUSE

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## Her named best film by National Board of Review

Spike Jonze's futuristic romance *Her* has been named best film by the National Board of Review. The board also named Jonze best director, giving *Her* an early awards season boost. The Warner Bros. film starring Joaquin Phoenix and Scarlett Johansson is to be released December 18. Alexander Payne's father-son road trip *Nebraska* took two acting awards. Bruce Dern won for best actor, and his co-star Will Forte won for best supporting actor. Emma Thompson was awarded best actress for the Mary Poppins story *Saving Mr. Banks*. Best supporting actress went to Octavia Spencer for *Fruitvale Station*. The National Board of Review is a group of film academics, students and professionals founded in 1909. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS





**Stories We Tell** has already picked up awards from the New York Film Critics Circle and the National Board of Review.  
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# Promoting Polley: Doc hits award circuit

## Stories We Tell.

Sarah Polley's true tale of her family secret has become a serious Oscar contender

Sarah Polley's intimate family tale *Stories We Tell* was supposed to be the little-seen documentary the actress-turned-director made between larger dramatic features.

Instead, it's become a serious Oscar contender and widely acclaimed documentary debut, garnering plenty of attention south of the border, including awards from the New York Film Critics Circle for best non-fiction film and the National Board of Review for best documentary.

Now, she and producer Anita Lee are gearing up for an awards circuit they hope will culminate with a golden statue at the Academy Awards.

"It's really, really exciting,"

Lee says of recently making the short list for a best documentary Oscar nomination, alongside 14 other films.

"It's so incredibly awesome."

Lee says Polley "is absolutely thrilled" with the surprise acclaim for her intensely personal film, which explores a long-held family secret about her true parentage.

They learned of making the Oscar short list Tuesday, the same day they were handed the best non-fiction prize by the New York Film Critics Circle. The National Board of Review announced it picked Polley's film as best doc on Wednesday.

Documentary branch members of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences will now choose five nominees from a pool of 15.

Lee says it's an honour just to make the short list, but she admits that she and Polley are ready to promote *Stories We Tell* to academy voters to boost their chances of snagging a nomination.

## On promoting the film

"I really am learning that it's not just about the merit of the film, it is very strategic and political and it involves marketing and a very big Oscar machinery that exists in the U.S. industry," says Lee, a producer for the National Film Board based in Toronto. "And so I feel like it's a lottery but the odds are not bad so we're hopeful."

That means hosting key screenings in Los Angeles and New York, and making sure they attend events like the International Documentary Association's IDA Awards on Friday. Lee says she's heading to L.A. on Thursday for the bash, where *Stories We Tell* will compete for the best feature award against *The Act of Killing*, *Blackfish*, *Let the Fire Burn* and *The Square*.

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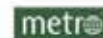
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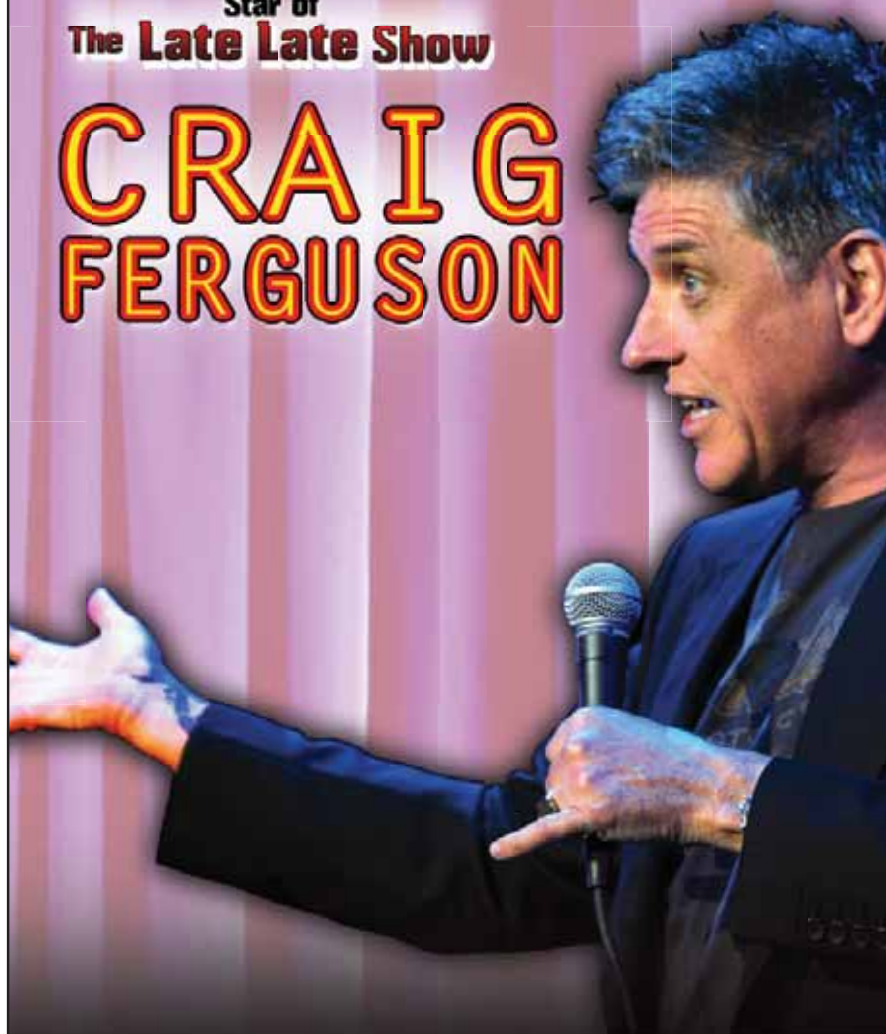


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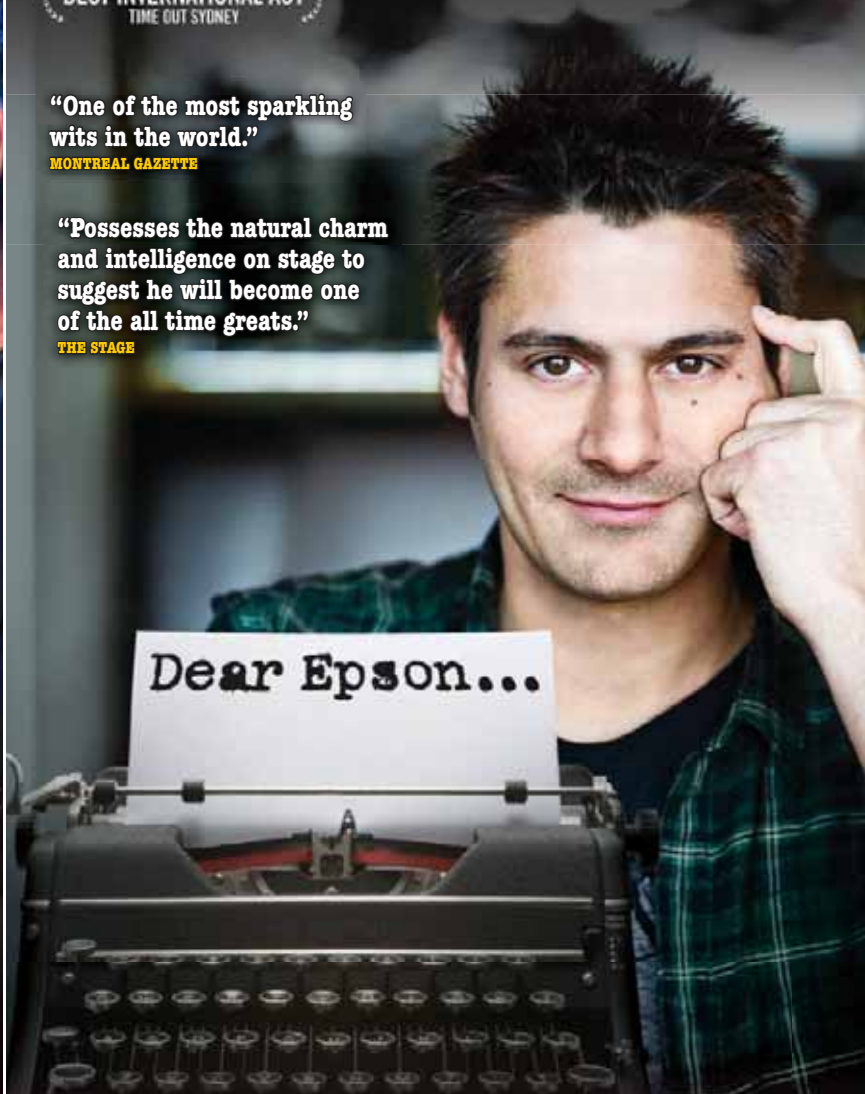
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# All hail the chief (of staff)

The chief of staff to a top politician is not usually the one in the spotlight. Generally, they prefer to pull the levers of power anonymously from the corridors and meeting rooms while press secretaries face the media. But with the Senate scandal, Nigel Wright has become something of a household name. In Hollywood, chiefs of staff are also having a moment thanks to shows such as *Scandal* and *Veep*. Here's how Wright measures up against his fictionalized counterparts.

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## Nigel Wright

**Job:** Chief of staff to Stephen Harper  
**Age:** 50  
**Marital Status:** Single  
**Background:** Lawyer, then made millions as a Bay Street businessman.  
**Style:** Calm, cool and collected. Described by friends as having high ethical standards despite current allegations of fraud, breach of trust and bribery for covering Sen. Mike Duffy's contested expenses.  
**General health:** Marathon runner; gets up before dawn to exercise.  
**Quote:** "My intention was always to secure repayment of funds owed to taxpayers. I acted within the scope of my duties and remain confident that my actions were lawful."



## Cyrus Beene (Scandal)

**Job:** Chief of staff to U.S. President Fitzgerald Grant  
**Age:** 50s  
**Marital Status:** Married to White House reporter James Novak, with whom he has an adopted daughter.  
**Background:** Campaign guru and political fixer. Once offered chance to run Harvard University.  
**Style:** Ruthless, seemingly lacking in all scruples or limits. Helped rig an election; put a hit out on his own boyfriend; hired a hit man to kill a woman who had a fling with the president.  
**General health:** Poor. Has been hospitalized for a heart attack.  
**Quote:** "The nitty-gritty, morally bankrupt, back-alley-brawling rest of the game, that's me...."



## Linda Vasquez (House of Cards)

**Job:** Chief of staff to U.S. President Garrett Walker  
**Age:** Late 40s/early 50s  
**Marital Status:** Unclear; has a college-age son, Ruben.  
**Background:** A key player in Walker's campaign.  
**Style:** "She's as tough as a two-dollar steak," as well as loyal and devoted to party ideals. But her weakness is Ruben.  
**General health:** Trim, but you get the sense her chief exercise is marathon BlackBerry clicking.  
**Quote:** "Now we have to lead. And that means making tough choices."



## Eli Gold (The Good Wife)

**Job:** Chief of staff to Illinois Governor Peter Florrick  
**Age:** Late 40s/early 50s  
**Marital Status:** Divorced; has a daughter.  
**Background:** Political consultant, concert pianist.  
**Style:** Smooth, cunning, passionate. Investigated by the Department of Justice for vote buying. Deleted a critical voice mail sent to his boss' estranged wife by her love interest.  
**General health:** Fit, but high-strung and emotionally repressed.  
**Quote:** "I don't have many enemies in life — I get along with Republicans, Protestants, Catholics, even a few reporters. But the one thing I hate is amateurs."



## Amy Brookheimer (Veep)

**Job:** Chief of staff to Vice President Selina Meyer  
**Age:** 30s  
**Marital Status:** Single  
**Background:** Capitol Hill staffer  
**Style:** Generally even keeled, but with flashes of insecurity and frustration. Has mastered the art of managing a difficult, often irrational boss with a smile.  
**General health:** Generally stressed out, poor sleeping habits, potty mouth.  
**Quote:** "No, she cannot fall asleep on live TV. Not on C-Span. The irony would be too huge."



## Leo McGarry (The West Wing)

**Job:** Chief of staff to President Josiah Bartlet  
**Age:** 55 when he began the job  
**Marital Status:** Divorced; has a daughter.  
**Background:** Former air force pilot and labour secretary; made his millions in defence industry.  
**Style:** Generally calm and loyal, not a yes man, won't suffer fools. Excellent reputation.  
**General health:** Recovering alcoholic and barbiturates addict, workaholic. Died of massive heart attack (following the real-life death of actor John Spencer, who played McGarry).

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# 5 things to look for as Grammy nominations approach



New Zealand singer Lorde will perform at the Grammy Awards nominations special this Friday. VICTORIA WILL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

This is a great year to be a Grammy Awards prognosticator. There's been a lot of excellent music, but there are clear favourites as The Recording Academy prepares to unveil nominees Friday (a handful will be unveiled during a CBS special and the rest announced after it airs). The trends are pretty easy to define.

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## Big winners

### Homecoming dance

Remember how it felt in high school when you just knew who would be elected homecoming king and queen long before the big dance? The Grammy nominations have that feel with Taylor Swift and Justin Timberlake a virtual lock to be two of the night's most popular picks, and probably top nominees. Swift's *Red* has sold 6 million copies, and though it came out in November 2012, it's had staying power.

## Royal-ty

### Breakout star

We offer up Lorde as this year's other likely multiple nominee. The 17-year-old from New Zealand stood in stark opposition to the swag-flavoured atmosphere of this year's singles market, offering up *Royals*. The song is a catchy refutation of popular culture that became something of an anthem for the dispossessed. Grammy voters love precocious teens and smart pop songs. Mix those things together and you've got Lorde.

## White boy rap

### Unlikely rap stars

Seattle-based Macklemore & Ryan Lewis have been the rap sensations of the pop world this year with hits like the quirky Thrift Shop and the same-sex acceptance song *Same Love*. They are strong contenders for record and song of the year, but will they dominate in rap categories along names like Drake and Kendrick Lamar?

## All Pharrell, all the time

### The singles

Two of the contenders for record and song of the year share a common denominator: Pharrell Williams. He helped Robin Thicke make *Blurred Lines* an inescapable part of 2013 and took a starring turn on Daft Punk's mind candy *Get Lucky*. Will he end up competing against himself if both are nominated for song or record of the year?

## Fresh faces

### Newcomers

Besides Lorde, Florida Georgia Line are strong contenders to be nominated for best new artist thanks to the success of *Cruise*, with Nelly. There could be two rap contenders: Macklemore & Ryan Lewis and Kendrick Lamar, the platinum-selling critical darling of the rap world.

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## Carousel/Fight Like Apes

This Dublin band is fronted by singer MayKay, who might be quite insane. In this case, that's good. Don't let the cheery melody distract you from the lyrics.



## Hadnetna/Yohannes "Wedi" Tikabo

Hailed by some as "the Bob Marley of Eritrea," this song that seems to criticize the regime of President Isaias Afewerki. You just don't do that. Ex-pats are smuggling the song into the country to rally the masses.



## Rap God/Eminem

Em's latest video resurrects Max Headroom, the stuttering virtual talk show host from the '80s. Good to see him back. Max, I mean.

## Wedding bells. Who will be the real ruler of Versailles? Kim, Kanye?



Kim and Kanye may get hitched at French palace. GETTY IMAGES

Kim and Kanye are going to do a low-key, family-only wedding with little to no fuss or expense. Just kidding!

The guy released a song this year titled I Am a God, so obviously he's going to want to do it big, and that song has the line "in a French-ass restaurant, hurry up with my damn croissant" so he obviously has a fondness for the French, which can only mean

they're getting married at the Palace of Versailles!

Ah yes, the once humble homestead of Louis XIV will possibly host the magical union of Kanye and Kim, reports Us Weekly.

"Kanye has never been married and wants a big [wedding]," a source told the mag. "They are not working with a budget," the source continued. **METRO**

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# David Foster looks to round out trophy case

## Canadian talent.

Grammy-winning producer wants to secure a Tony Award and an Oscar to complete his set

Though he's famous for his sweepingly grand adult pop productions, David Foster in person can be punk-rock blunt.

Take, for example, the answer issued by the decorated Canadian producer — who has earned 16 Grammy Awards, five Junos, an Emmy, a Golden Globe and three Academy Award nominations — when asked why he decided to pen the music for an as-yet un-produced musical based on Depression-era cartoon sex symbol Betty Boop.

"I want to win a Tony. It's just plain and simple," Foster said in an interview in Toronto on Wednesday, wearing a wry smile. "What better shot than with an icon like Betty Boop? She's iconic and everybody knows who she is, which gives you kind of a leg

## Aspirations

**"I've been nominated for three Oscars and never won. I want an Oscar and a Tony and then I'll have the complete (set)."**

David Foster  
Talking about career goals

up, I think.

"And yeah, I want a Tony. I've been nominated for three Oscars and never won. I want an Oscar and a Tony and then I'll have the complete (set)," he adds, recapping the other major awards he's secured. "I want those two. That's drive enough for me."

The Victoria native says he wrote 24 songs after being contacted by Bill Haber, the Broadway producer whose credits include War Horse, August: Osage County and Spamalot.

But the production is being held up for now by the book, reportedly being handled by Oscar Williams and Sally Robinson.

"We just can't get the book

right," said Foster, who added that he would be involved in casting should the production ever get to that stage.

"I'm not talking out of school here, they've admitted that the music is ahead of the book. So I think I've done a really good job of writing some great songs and the book needs to equal the music now. And until it does, they will not go forward with

it."

While he awaits progress on that production, it's not as though Foster is lacking for work.

Roughly two years ago, the 64-year-old took over as chairman of Verve Music Group, a jazz imprint whose sprawling roster now includes Stevie Wonder, Diana Krall, Bryan Adams, Sarah McLachlan, Paul Anka, Rod Stewart, Elvis

Costello and Mary J. Blige, whose recent holiday record, A Mary Christmas, was helmed by Foster.

"Like everything else I do, I'm going to throw my body and soul into it and see if I can be a good record chairman," he said. "We've also signed a lot of unknown singers. I'm sure we'll fail a lot because that's the nature of the business — you sign 12

artists, one hits, you feel very blessed.

"I don't want to have that horrible a track record but I'm sure we'll sign six artists, one will hopefully hit and five won't. That's kind of the nature of the beast. But I'm enthused about it.... I want to be good at it. I hate being bad at things. And I hate failure.... I don't want to lose at this."

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Grammy-winning Canadian producer David Foster.  
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## Christmas songs

This is Foster's time of year for music.

- **Hit albums.** He has helmed hit Christmas albums for Michael Bublé,

Josh Groban, Rod Stewart, Andrea Bocelli and Celine Dion, and concedes it can be a challenge finding new ways to interpret such well-worn classics.

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# Our fascination with fantasy sports is Berry real and growing



Matthew Berry has written a book about fantasy sports. ESPN

**New book.** Guru on this going craze Matthew Berry says that experiencing fantasy sports is like 'going to your first Bruce Springsteen' gig

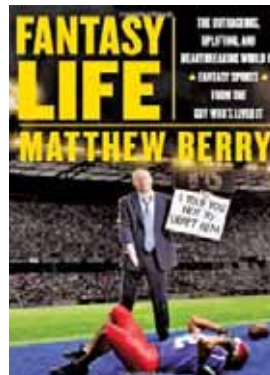
JONATHAN DONALDSON  
Metro World News in NYC

At first glance, America's growing interest in fantasy sports may just seem like an expansion of what it means to be a fan.

If cheering for your favorite team and watching your favorite highlight programs isn't enough to sate your fandom, you can join any one of millions of online fantasy leagues, where you can draft your favourite players from across the league and make their triumphs (and failures) count for you.

But according to fantasy guru Matthew Berry's new book *Fantasy Life: The Outrageous, Uplifting, and Heartbreaking World of Fantasy Sports* from the Guy Who's Lived It, it's not just "geeks in black shirts in their mom's basement" playing in fantasy sports leagues anymore — it's 13 per cent of the American population and growing. To what does he attribute this increasing fascination?

"Ultimately it's about fun and friendship," says the ESPN senior fantasy sports analyst (he would know — the 43-year-old is still playing in the same league he joined as a teenager). Moreover, he says it's something that has to be experi-



## Insane commitment

"The craziest story I know is about this one soldier who was in Afghanistan on his fantasy draft day. There was only one place outside where he could get a connection, and a bomb went off 60 yards from where he was standing."

Author Matthew Berry

On the lengths people will go to in order to be victorious in fantasy sports

enced to be truly understood.

"It's like going to your first Bruce Springsteen concert. You can be a Springsteen fan and love his albums, but it's not until you've seen him up on stage, absolutely pouring his heart out for four hours, that you can truly understand how awesome he is." That's pretty high praise for online fantasy sports, but Berry's book makes a compelling case for the new American pastime's most dedicated believers.

"The craziest story I know is about this one soldier who was in Afghanistan on his fantasy draft day," says Berry. "There was only one place outside where he could get a connection, and a bomb went off 60 yards from where he was standing." Luckily, the soldier was unharmed, but the story highlights how a true fantasy obsessive will never miss their draft day — even by peril of death.

With obsession also comes dedication. Berry knows of a tattoo league, where the losers have to get a humiliating tattoo of his league's choice. Even Berry can't abide that one. ("Imagine a Justin Bieber tattoo

on a grown-man," he muses, with a shiver.)

For most of us, the stakes are never as high as death or Bieber, but Berry promises that there's plenty of fun to be had, even for the most casual fans among us.

Berry says that ESPN is always trying to figure out ways to grow the fantasy industry, from including fantasy segments in "real" sports programs to making sure that web and mobile applications are easy to use, and appeal to everyone from grandmothers and rabbits to college girls and even pro athletes themselves. And it's not just sports like football that define the world of fantasy. "You can play fantasy anything," says Berry. "There are fantasy movie leagues where people win points depending on how successful the movies are. In Japan, fantasy sumo is huge. Any place where people can complete, there is an opportunity for fantasy."

So, what's next? Fantasy lay-offs? Fantasy obituaries? Only time will tell.

## Video Game Review

Super Mario 3D World

Console. Wii

Rated. Universal

It's more than a costume. When Mario slips into his Cat Suit, he's a kitty from tail to mustache. It's the way he sits with curiosity, bats his paws and scampers after rabbits. This is the plumber's most irresistible adventure, a mix of 3D castle puzzles, thrill rides, and hidden secrets. Some are revealed by blowing on your controller, others are found with friends. A creative mix of pneumatic tubes, haunted shadows, and dazzling visual effects place this among the year's best. **KRIS ABEL**



## New arc for series

### Iron Man's magical new enemies

As if mythical Dark Elves from Svartalfheim weren't enough of a test for Tony Stark, the armour-clad Avenger now has to match wits with the now-dead Mandarin's fabled rings of power. The new arc for Marvel's ongoing Iron Man series starts in March with issue No. 23 and, said writer Kieron Gillen, the five-part story drawn by Luke Ross, melds a culture clash pitting magic, modern technology and fairy-inspired legend and lore.

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Cynthia Nixon ALL IMAGES GETTY

## Charlotte will try to twist Miranda's arm to complete Sex and the City trilogy

While Cynthia Nixon may have shot down the idea of a third Sex and the City film, co-star Kristin Davis is still holding out hope. "I'm going to have a little talk with Cynthia the next time I see her," Davis tells Haute Living

magazine. "I don't think (a third film) is a pipe dream. There is a discussion. People talk about it amongst the people who are the players, but I don't know if it will come together. It would be very exciting if it did."



Amanda Bynes

## Free woman Bynes 'feeling better every day'

Amanda Bynes is a free woman once more. The troubled actress has completed her in-patient treatment and is at her family's home for the holidays, according to People magazine. "She's feeling better every day," her mother's attorney, Tamar

Arminak, tells the magazine. "Despite the fact Amanda is no longer in a facility, her outpatient treatment is continuing. She's very happy to reestablish the loving relationship with her family that she once shared." Bynes' next court date is set for Jan. 7.

# METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

### The Word



## Paltrow's festive Kors collection too rich for most people's blood

TINA CHADHA  
Metro World News

Last month, we found out that Gwyneth Paltrow and Michael Kors would create a special holiday collection for Goop, Paltrow's lifestyle site. Well, that day has come, people. The line — which consists of

some of the Oscar-winner's favourite Kors pieces, but updated — debuts on the site Thursday and includes a high-end suede tote, an oversized gold watch, leather smoking slippers, a cashmere cape, a grey structured peplum sweater and a military-inspired wool coat. But like the clothes you imagine Gwyneth creating her organic meals in, these threads veer on the luxe side. The items range in price from \$145 for a bracelet to \$2,595 for the cosy cape. Something a bit more universal: Kors' grandmother's recipe for easy-to-make butter cookies.



Britney Spears

## Hey critics! Don't you dare burst Britney's bubble

The reviews for Britney Spears' new album, Britney Jean, have been pretty terrible — but Spears herself has no idea. "Britney's manager, Larry Rudolph, and her father, Jamie, won't allow her to see any of the bad reviews," a source tells Radar Online. "Britney doesn't even have access to the Internet and lives in a bubble."

Her team will allow her to believe that the album is being well-received. No one wants to upset Britney. If she were to read anything negative, it could send her into a bad tailspin, and both Larry and Jamie know that can't happen with her upcoming shows in Vegas about to launch.

### Twitter



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oh lord how I love to make people laugh ..and vice versa ! We all need somethin to make us float off to happy land..and Sitcom is Drug free



@DanaDelany

Just opened a jar of honey vintage 1996. Did you know it's the only food that doesn't spoil? Besides Twinkies, of course.



@JasonAlexander

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## Liquid Assets

Liqueur in  
the spotlight

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The term liqueur covers a lot of ground — from decadent, cream-based combinations, all the way to secret blends of herbs and spices. Most have a life outside of the holiday season, but I bet that for the majority of you buying a bottle in December is your yearly liqueur fix.

There's something sad about that. The liqueur market has never been more vibrant, venturing into innovation territory any other booze category would fear to tread.

Not that the old standbys are resting on their liquid laurels. Bailey's has introduced new flavoured family members and even Grand Marnier has dipped its cap in the pool of fruity expression, creating a special series of alternative versions.

Never to be outdone, Mexico's Kahlúa Limited Edition Gingerbread Liqueur (375 ml, \$15.49 - \$16.99) starts with the classic mix of rum and Arabica coffee and then adds gingerbread, nutmeg, cinnamon and clove. It results in a seasonal treat that's great over ice or as fuel in your favourite cup of joe. **PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.**

# Gingerbread graduates to a grown-up torte

## Almond-Chocolate Gingerbread Torte.

Decadent treat features quintessential holiday flavour with chocolate and almonds

1. Heat oven to 180 C (350 F).

### Ingredients

#### Chocolate Ganache Glaze

- 90 ml (6 tbsp) whipping cream
- 22 ml (1 1/2 tbsp) light corn syrup
- 250 ml (1 cup) semi-sweet chocolate chips

#### Cake

- 125 ml (1/2 cup) butter, softened
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) sugar
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) molasses
- 2 eggs
- 5 ml (1 tsp) vanilla
- 300 ml (1 1/4 cups) all-purpose flour
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) unsweetened cocoa powder
- 10 ml (2 tsp) ground ginger
- 7 ml (1 1/2 tsp) cinnamon
- 5 ml (1 tsp) baking powder
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) allspice
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) buttermilk
- 150 ml (2/3 cup) toasted slivered almonds, divided
- Chocolate Ganache Glaze
- 75 to 125 ml (1/3 to 1/2 cup) apricot or peach preserves



This recipe serves 12. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Coat two 23-cm (9-inch) round layer cake pans with vegetable spray.

2. In a mixer bowl, beat butter until fluffy. Beat in sugar, then molasses to blend. Beat in eggs, one at a time. Beat in vanilla.

3. In another bowl, sift dry ingredients. Beat into butter mix just to blend. Mix in buttermilk. Coarsely chop 75 ml (1/3 cup) of almonds; mix into batter. Pour

into prepared pans, dividing equally and smoothing tops. Bake in centre of oven 15 minutes, just until springy to the touch. Let cool in pans on racks for 5 minutes, then turn out onto racks to cool completely.

4. Meanwhile, prepare glaze. In saucepan over medium heat, bring whipping cream and corn syrup to a boil. Remove from heat and mix in chocolate chips until smooth. Let cool

until mixture is thick enough to spread on cake. Set aside.

5. Place one cake layer on a serving plate; cover with preserves and drizzle with glaze. Top with remaining cake layer. Spread glaze evenly over top and sides of torte. Garnish with remaining almonds. Let glaze set for at least 1 hour before serving.

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# Holiday cocktail party stars

Say you don't like your holiday decor all twee and buttoned up. Typical Christmas themes — country charm, Scandinavian-influenced restraint, Victorian opulence, clean-lined urban chic — all feel a bit limiting after a while. You'd prefer something unexpected, a bit of visual wit. Something that will truly delight, in the way that any self-respecting festival of lights should. So we went in search of seasonal sparkle that doubles as conversation pieces. Here's what we found.

## Mantelpiece magic

Part of the brilliance of thin wire light strings such as these is that they're easy to bend and form into shapes. Starry String Lights in Diamond with silver wire finish or Amber with copper wire finish, \$15-\$99; and French Glass Cloches, \$69-99; all restorationhardware.com.



## Crystal palace

A grouping of these lanterns would look like a constellation of giant snowflakes. Pizzelle paper lanterns, \$42-\$55 US each, and white battery-powered triple LED light, \$4.95 US each, all lunabazaar.com.



## Mirror, mirror

Does anything say eclectic modern holiday like a disco-ball gnome? This creature from CB2 is so popular he's back-ordered until early December, but well, some things are worth waiting for. If it's a conversation piece you're after, look no further. Disco gnome, \$149, cb2.com.



## Cheeky charm

Who would have thought that simple mirrored ornaments could have so much personality? We can't help smiling at these. Retro Mirror Star and Asterisk Holiday Ornaments, set of four, \$18 at studiolicious.etsy.com.



## Shadow boxing

Anthropologie sister site Terrain doesn't ship to Canada, which leaves you with two options. One, if you have any U.S. relatives asking for your wish list, send them a link to shopterrain.com and let them figure out the rest. Two, if you're DIY-minded, take inspiration from their Gilded Shadow Box. Source a frame from a craft-supply store, then find bits and bobs to create a magical vignette.



## Gem of a find

If you gave a product designer a brief that said, "quirky and glowing," this could very well be the result — and that's before you add the deer antlers. Hearts, stars and various gem-like shapes adorn these indoor light strings. Strala light chain, 16 bulbs, \$16.99, Ikea.

# TASTE THE TRADITION AT MAY GARDEN

At May Garden Restaurant, there is almost 40 years of tradition in every dish since many of the recipes date back to when the restaurant opened in Sackville in 1976. The business has since added locations in Bedford and Dartmouth.

With its emphasis on fresh ingredients and providing customers with exceptional service, the business still adheres to the original values founders Aunt May and Uncle Glen had.

"May always treated all of her customers with respect," says Erica Stevens, the manager of the Sackville location. "Many of those customers who came in as children come in today as adults."

Since 1993, the business has been owned and operated by Eric Yeung, the couple's nephew.

"If there is something we can do better, I want to get feedback from our customers," he says. "I truly appreciate their business and want to make sure they are happy."

With vegetables delivered daily, customers can taste the freshness, which



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keeps them coming back.

At the Sackville location, May Garden Restaurant serves up mostly Canadian-style Chinese food such as sweet and sour chicken balls and egg rolls. The restaurant's egg rolls are a huge hit and

consist of an all-meat pork filling that uses Aunt May's recipe. Another popular dining option is the combo plates, where people can choose from foods such as chicken balls, beef fried rice, chicken chow mein, and beef and broccoli.

## HOLIDAY PARTIES

People who are unsure about what to do for their holiday party should consider hosting it at May Garden Restaurant for some delicious and fresh Chinese food. The restaurant is accepting bookings at its three locations in Sackville, Bedford and Dartmouth. Buffet-style service is available for parties larger than 20.

"They get a huge plate, which is overflowing with food," says Stevens, noting people often have enough left on their plate for leftovers. "People often eat the majority here and have some for later."

At the Bedford location, the focus is more on providing authentic Chinese food, such as dim sum, noodle-based dishes and whole-fish dishes.

With the Christmas holidays approaching, Yeung would like to wish his customers a Merry Christmas.



# Drouin's late surge powers Mooseheads past Tigres

**QMJHL.** Herd's leading scorer pulls out some of his magic to end two-game losing streak



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Just when it looked like a game guaranteed to be grind-ed out to the end, Jonathan Drouin imposed his will.

The Halifax Mooseheads and Victoriaville Tigres were deadlocked at 1-1, just past the midpoint of the final frame. Then the opportunity presented itself to the Herd's leading scorer: A brief stretch of four-on-four action.

After effortlessly undressing a couple of Tigres defenders, Drouin rifled a rocket top shelf past a helpless Brandon Whitney. Just 1:05 later, short-handed no less, he would fire another over the Kentville native's shoulder to give the home squad an insurmountable lead.

Timo Meier would add another to secure a 4-1 victory for the Herd before 6,628 fans at the Metro Centre Thursday evening.

"I thought it might be just one of those nights, a 1-0 game or 2-1 game," said Drouin, who also had an assist. "But, then, I got a couple of chances, and I buried them."

"We lost two in a row and we didn't want to lose three. It's good for my confidence. We had a game plan in the third, and we executed. It was



The Mooseheads' Danny Moynihan, right, tries to slide the puck past Victoriaville Tigres netminder Brandon Whitney and defenceman Petr Sidlik on Thursday night at Halifax Metro Centre. JEFF HARPER/METRO

a playoff-type win."

It was a spectacular turn of events after a lackluster first two periods for both teams.

Drouin's late game heroics overshadowed an impressive performance by Mooseheads rookie forward Nikolaj Ehlers, who played with oodles of energy and speed, scoring once and adding an

## Up next

The Mooseheads take on the Quebec Remparts at home on Friday at 7 p.m.

assist.

"He's got great speed and vision to make plays, and he's

at his own level," Drouin said of the Danish forward.

With the victory, the Mooseheads improve to 22-10 and sit tied with Baie-Comeau Drakkar for second-place in league standings, three points behind first-place Blainville-Boisbriand Armada.

Mooseheads defenceman Austyn Hardie attributed the

win to his teammates' persistence ... as well as Drouin.

"He's a clutch player," said Hardie. "He'll be like that for the rest of his career. You look at what he's done tonight, he did that all last year and the half a year before that. We expect that from him."

Carl-Antoine Delisle scored the lone goal for the Tigres.

# Rainmen fall in Hodges' debut, remain winless

With a new head coach in the fold, the Halifax Rainmen still couldn't pull out a victory on Thursday night.

It was the same story for the Rainmen. They kept it close, but ultimately fell in the end, this time 107-102 to the Saint John Mill Rats.

The Rainmen got off to a promising start under interim head coach Craig Hodges, taking a 23-21 lead into the

second quarter on the road.

But Halifax couldn't build on its momentum, and were outscored 65-53 over the next two quarters. In the end, the Rainmen couldn't shut-down the offensively potent Mill Rats. A late push wasn't enough for Halifax, who fell to 0-7 on the season.

On Wednesday, the Rainmen announced the signing of Hodges, a former two-time

## On Thursday

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Mill Rats

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Rainmen

NBA champion as both a player with the Chicago Bulls and

as an assistant coach with the Los Angeles Lakers.

Anthony Anderson led the Mill Rats with a game-high 25 points and 10 assists, while Cheyne Gadson paced the Rainmen with 22 points.

The Rainmen, who remain the only team in the National Basketball League of Canada without a victory, host the Ottawa SkyHawks on Saturday at 7 p.m. **ANDREW RANKIN/METRO**



The Halifax Rainmen's interim head coach Craig Hodges  
JEFF HARPER/METRO





The Leafs celebrate Trevor Smith's overtime goal against the Dallas Stars on Thursday night. RICK MADONIK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

# Long-awaited win leaves Leafs relieved

**NHL.** Overtime win ends Toronto's five-game losing streak

The Toronto Maple Leafs didn't make it easy on themselves, but their losing streak is over.

Again they were badly outshot and a late penalty almost did them in, but Trevor Smith scored in overtime as Toronto beat the Dallas Stars 3-2 Thursday night in Toronto to end the skid at five games.

Relief was the primary emotion after giving up 50 shots and winning for the first time

since Nov. 23.

"I'm happy we won because there seems to be a lot of pressure on our group, and hopefully this helps flush some of the things that are going on out there that we can feel a little bit of room to breathe what we went through," coach Randy Carlyle said. "By no means that we think we're out of the woods, but it feels good to win a hockey game."

The Leafs (15-11-3) won in large part because goaltender Jonathan Bernier made 48 saves, including six in overtime before Smith beat Kari Lehtonen with 42 seconds to go before a shootout. Bernier conceded

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Stars

he was tired.

All in a day's work for a Leafs goaltender given that this was the 10th consecutive game they were outshot. Bernier called being outshot — this time 44-22 in regulation and 50-24 total — this team's "style."

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## Pacioretty packs final punch for Habs

Max Pacioretty's ninth goal in the last nine games

was the game-winner as the Montreal Canadiens stretched their unbeaten run to nine with a 2-1 victory over the Boston Bruins on Thursday night. Tomas Plekanec also

scored for Montreal (18-9-3), which jumped a point ahead of Boston (18-8-2) into first place in the Atlantic Division, although the Bruins hold two games in hand. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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### EASTERN CONFERENCE

#### ATLANTIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Montreal	30	18	9	3	82	63	39
Boston	28	18	8	2	76	57	38
Tampa Bay	28	17	10	1	79	68	35
Detroit	29	14	8	7	81	79	35
Toronto	29	15	11	3	80	79	33
Ottawa	29	11	14	4	83	95	26
Florida	29	8	16	5	66	97	21
Buffalo	29	6	21	2	49	88	14

#### METROPOLITAN DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Pittsburgh	30	20	9	1	94	67	41
Washington	28	14	12	2	83	82	30
NY Rangers	29	15	14	0	65	72	30
Carolina	29	12	12	5	66	81	29
Philadelphia	28	13	13	2	63	68	28
New Jersey	29	11	12	6	64	71	28
Columbus	28	11	14	3	68	80	25
NY Islanders	29	8	16	5	75	101	21

#### Thursday's results

Toronto 3 Dallas 2 (OT)  
Tampa Bay 3 Ottawa 1  
Florida 5 Winnipeg 2  
Edmonton 8 Colorado 2  
NY Rangers 3 Buffalo 1  
Pittsburgh 5 San Jose 1  
Carolina 5 Nashville 2  
St. Louis 5 NY Islanders 1  
Montreal 2 Boston 1  
Minnesota 4 Chicago 3

#### Wednesday's results

Calgary 4 Phoenix 1  
Montreal 4 New Jersey 3 (SO)  
Philadelphia 6 Detroit 3

#### Friday's games — All times Eastern

San Jose at Carolina, 7 p.m.  
Minnesota at Columbus, 7 p.m.  
Detroit at New Jersey, 7 p.m.  
Anaheim at Chicago, 8 p.m.  
Colorado at Calgary, 9 p.m.  
Phoenix at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

#### Saturday's games

Philadelphia at Dallas, 2 p.m.  
Winnipeg at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.  
Nashville at Washington, 7 p.m.  
Pittsburgh at Boston, 7 p.m.  
Florida at Detroit, 7 p.m.  
Buffalo at Montreal, 7 p.m.

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

#### CENTRAL DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Chicago	30	20	6	4	108	84	44
St. Louis	27	19	5	3	96	61	41
Minnesota	30	17	8	5	74	70	39
Colorado	26	19	7	0	78	60	38
Dallas	27	13	9	5	76	79	31
Winnipeg	30	13	13	4	80	87	29
Nashville	29	13	13	3	65	83	29

#### PACIFIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
San Jose	28	19	4	5	97	67	43
Anaheim	30	18	7	5	93	80	41
Los Angeles	29	18	7	4	76	62	40
Phoenix	28	16	8	4	92	90	36
Vancouver	30	15	10	5	80	75	35
Calgary	27	10	13	4	74	94	24
Edmonton	30	10	18	2	83	102	22

Note: 2 points for a win, 1 point for overtime loss.

Toronto at Ottawa, 7 p.m.  
New Jersey at NY Rangers, 7:30 p.m.  
Anaheim at St. Louis, 8 p.m.  
Calgary at Edmonton, 10 p.m.  
NY Islanders at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

### SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	Pt
Crosby, Pgh	15	23	38
Malkin, Pgh	7	30	37
Kane, Chi	16	16	32
Getzlaf, Ana	14	18	32
Tavares, NYI	11	21	32
Steen, STL	20	11	31
Perry, Ana	16	15	31
Ovechkin, Wash	21	9	30
Zetterberg, Det	11	19	30
Thornton, SJ	5	25	30
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Couture, SJ	10	18	28
H. Sedin, Van	7	21	28
Karlsson, Ott	7	20	27

Thursday's games not included

### MLS PLAYOFFS

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##### Saturday's game

Kansas City vs. Salt Lake, 4 p.m., EST

NFL

#### Thursday's result

Jacksonville 27 Houston 20

#### Sunday's games — All times Eastern

Kansas City at Washington, 1 p.m.  
Minnesota at Baltimore, 1 p.m.  
Buffalo at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.  
Oakland at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.  
Miami at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.  
Cleveland at New England, 1 p.m.  
Indianapolis at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.  
Atlanta at Green Bay, 1 p.m.  
Detroit at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.  
Tennessee at Denver, 4:05 p.m.  
N.Y. Giants at San Diego, 4:25 p.m.  
Seattle at San Francisco, 4:25 p.m.  
St. Louis at Arizona, 4:25 p.m.  
Carolina at New Orleans, 8:30 p.m.

#### Monday's game

Dallas at Chicago, 8:40 p.m.

### NBA

#### Thursday's results

New York 113 Brooklyn 83  
L.A. Clippers 101 Memphis 81  
Chicago 107 Miami 87

#### Wednesday's results

Atlanta 107 L.A. Clippers 97  
Phoenix 97 Houston 88  
Dallas 100 New Orleans 97  
Indiana 95 Utah 86  
Portland 111 Oklahoma City 104  
Cleveland 98 Denver 88  
Detroit 105 Milwaukee 98

#### Friday's games — All times Eastern

San Antonio vs. Minnesota, ppd.  
Philadelphia at Charlotte, 7 p.m.  
Milwaukee at Washington, 7 p.m.  
Denver at Boston, 7:30 p.m.  
Orlando at New York, 7:30 p.m.  
Cleveland at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.  
Golden State at Houston, 8 p.m.  
Oklahoma City at New Orleans, 8 p.m.  
Toronto at Phoenix, 9 p.m.  
Utah at Portland, 10 p.m.  
L.A. Lakers at Sacramento, 10 p.m.

#### Saturday's games

Denver at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.  
L.A. Clippers at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.  
Miami at Minnesota, 8 p.m.  
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# Jacobs lays down hammer on Martin

## Roar of the Rings.

Reigning national champ scores a double in 10th end to earn spot in the finals

Reigning Canadian champion Brad Jacobs defeated veteran Kevin Martin 5-4 on Thursday to clinch a spot in Sunday's final of the Canadian Olympic curling trials.

The battle of the best took Jacobs' record to 6-0, but Martin goes to 5-1 and earns a berth in Saturday afternoon's semifinal.

The other semifinalist won't be determined until the men finish their seven-game Roar of the Rings round robin with a morning draw Friday in Winnipeg.

With Martin leading 4-3, Jacobs blanked the eighth



Brad Jacobs has clinched a spot in Sunday's final. THE CANADIAN PRESS

and ninth ends to keep the hammer in the 10th.

Both rinks had a pair of rocks inside the four-foot, with a Jacobs' stone almost dead centre in the button.

Martin then put up a guard, forcing the 28-year-old Jacobs to do a run-back take-

## Women's draw

Defending Canadian champion Rachel Homan defeated Stefanie Lawton 6-5 in the final game of the seven-game round robin earning a spot in the semifinals.

- Chelsea Carey and Sherry Middaugh will play their tie-breaker Friday with the winner taking on Homan in the evening.
- Jennifer Jones already earned a bye into Saturday night's final.

out and score two points.

Martin, who won gold at the 2010 Olympics and silver in 2002, is looking for a fourth trip to the Games.

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## Knicks win Battle of N.Y.C.

Amare Stoudemire of the Knicks blocks a shot by the Nets' Joe Johnson in Brooklyn on Thursday. Carmelo Anthony had 19 points and 10 rebounds and the Knicks ended a nine-game losing streak with a 113-83 romp in the first meeting of the season between the New York City rivals. AL BELLO/GETTY IMAGES

## Comeback

### Vonn makes her return on Friday

Lindsey Vonn has declared that she is ready to race for the first time in 10 months.

Vonn said she will return to competition in a World Cup downhill on Friday for the first time since a crash in February, when she tore two ligaments in her right knee and broke a bone in her lower leg.

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## Well-prepared

### Guay posts best time in training

Erik Guay turned in the fastest time in World Cup downhill training on Thursday in frigid conditions.

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You may be a nice guy but most likely you will refuse to come to the rescue of someone who is in distress today. It may seem heartless but it's the only way they are going to learn.

### Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Too often you have held back while those with considerably less talent have achieved the kind of success that should have been yours. Shed your inhibitions and let the world see what a star you are.

### Gemini

May 22 - June 21

You may be under pressure to apologize for something you said to a friend or colleague but is that wise? Not if you truly meant it. Besides, why give them the impression that you can be easily swayed?

### Cancer

June 22 - July 23

You may be behind in your schedule but don't worry about it. If anything, you should be aiming to conserve your energy now — if only because by the early part of next week you will be working harder than ever.

### Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

There are only so many hours in a day, so identify your priorities and don't try to do everything at once. Aim for quality rather than quantity in all things at all times. One way or another, it will be enough.

### Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

You have reason to be annoyed with someone but because you are an agreeable individual, you may allow them to wriggle out of it by saying the right words. That'd be a mistake.

### Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

It's not like you to look back and wish things had been different but that may be your attitude today. OK, so you could have done a lot of things differently and some things better but that's life.

### Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Everything is going according to plan and even though you may not get all the things you desire today, you will certainly get all the things you need. The cosmos, as always, are looking over and looking after you.

### Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

You may not be the best in certain areas but in one field of endeavor you have no equals and that is what you should be focusing on now. Don't try to be all things to all men.

### Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Close your ears to criticism and don't waste time trying to get even with those who have let you down or said hurtful things. Time is too precious to waste on petty people.

### Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

There is no point complaining about a certain person's behaviour when what they are doing now is what they did yesterday and the day before that. It's in their nature, so either accept it or move away from their influence.

### Pisces

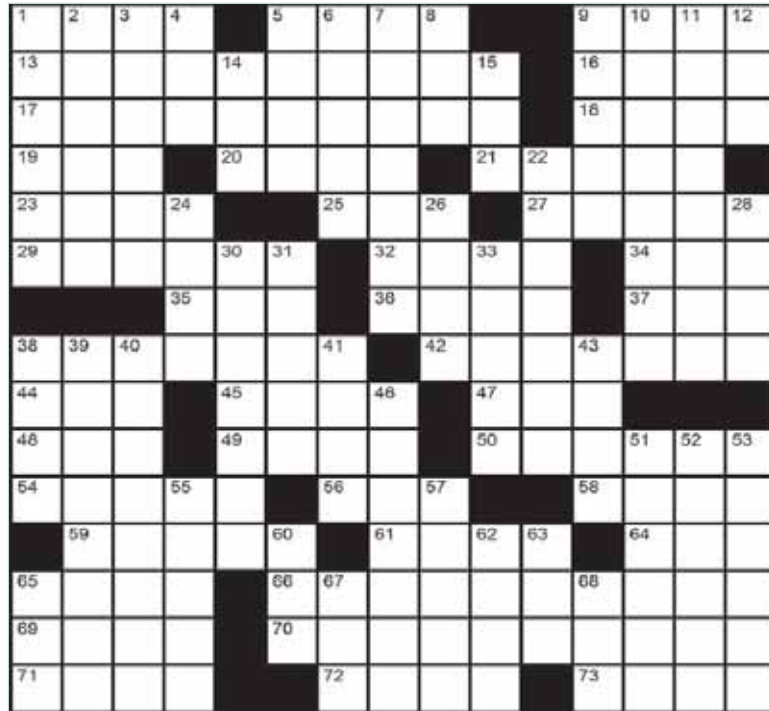
Feb. 20 - March 20

You need more fun in your life but you won't get it doing the same old things with the same old people. The planets are urging you to be more adventurous. **SALLY BROMPTON**

## Crossword: Canada Across and Down

### Across

1. Abodes-in-buildings, e.g.
5. Labels
9. Biblical boats
13. E! Canada host who previously hosted "So You Think You Can Dance Canada": 2 wds.
16. Bulk containers
17. London, ON's nickname: 2 wds.
18. Meat cut
19. Univ. paper
20. Incite
21. Be an active volcano
23. Old music high notes
25. Pick-up-sticks game
27. "\_\_\_ There Yet?" (2005): 2 wds.
29. Teeth-related
32. Head's holder
34. Headed
35. "Bravo!"
36. Ex-VP Al
37. Papua New Guinea seaport
38. "The Daily Show" host Jon
42. London, ON university
44. Legume
45. Lady Gaga song
47. Lady's man
48. Computer key
49. Actress Ms. Cannon
50. Does canine work
54. \_\_\_ beaucoup!
56. Veggie of Japan



58. Venus de \_\_\_ (Ancient statue)
59. Lost & \_\_\_
61. Waning waves
64. "Platoon" (1986) war, for short
65. Designer, Christian \_\_\_ (b.1905 - d.1957)
66. PM Harper's hockey book: 3 wds.

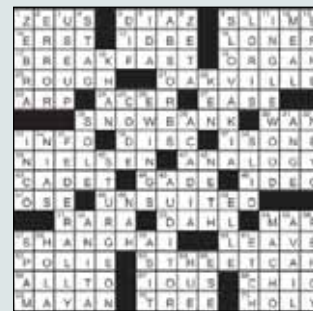
69. Prefix meaning 'High'
70. Canadian actress who starred in 1933's "42nd Street": 2 wds.
71. "\_\_\_ have you decided yet?" (Er, like, did you make up your mind?)
72. Wall St. landmark, commonly

73. Fewer **Down**
1. Bruce Wayne's butler
2. Celebrity magazine
3. Scottish pattern
4. "\_\_\_ Devil" (1989)
5. Musician Mr. Puente
6. Rio Tinto \_\_\_ (Aluminum company based

- in Montreal)
7. Soaring
8. Band's performance
9. "It's all \_\_\_" (Foggy memory comment)
10. Canadian painter, Jean Paul \_\_\_ (b.1923 - d.2002)
11. Sweaters and

- scarves
12. US tax ID
14. Food additive
15. Deli bread
22. Makes much money: 2 wds.
24. Pack
26. Cat call
28. Apple/snake lieu
30. 1992 Disney animated flick
31. "Madame Curie" (1943) director, Mervyn \_\_\_
33. Salad green
38. Internet junk
39. Cinematic federal agency, \_\_\_ Canada
40. Have carrots or potatoes, basically: 2 wds.
41. "Heart and Soul" '80s group
43. Hair salon task
46. BC city in the northern Okanagan
51. Conclusion
52. Scotiabank Saddledome team
53. Actress/entrepreneur Suzanne
55. Oddity
57. Does as instructed
60. \_\_\_ es Salaam, Tanzania
62. Create cupcakes
63. Fr. holy woman
65. Brother's sis, to Mom [abbr.]
67. Son-of-a-\_\_\_
68. Collective Soul song

## Yesterday's Crossword



## Sudoku

### How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

## Yesterday's Sudoku

9	1	4	7	3	6	8	2	5
2	5	6	1	8	4	3	7	9
3	8	7	9	2	5	1	6	4
6	4	9	3	7	1	5	8	2
5	7	8	2	4	9	6	3	1
1	3	2	5	6	8	9	4	7
8	6	5	4	9	7	2	1	3
7	2	1	6	5	3	4	9	8
4	9	3	8	1	2	7	5	6

	4			6			9		1
			5		4			3	2
	7	3				5		8	
				2		6			
	8			1			4	9	
9	2			7		1			
8		6			9			7	3

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